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The Tenth Annual Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America met according to arrangement in the First U. P. Church, of Omaha, Nebraska, on Tuesday, May 9th, at 7:30 p. m., and was opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. W. G. Moorehead, of Xenia, Ohio. This opening service consisted of singing No. 30 of Bible Songs, reading of the 67th Psalm concluded with singing one verse of this psalm.

The delegates and visitors were welcomed to Omaha in a cordial manner by Mrs. H. M. McCague, wife of Rev. Thomas McCague, formerly missionary to Egypt, for some years past a resident of Omaha.

Welcome.

DEAR SISTERS:—It is with great pleasure that I, in the name of the Omaha Presbyterial, welcome you tonight, and assure you that the greetings I bring are sincere and heartfelt. For a year this meeting has been in our thoughts, and we have been praying, planning and hoping that your coming may be of mutual good, both to ourselves and you. You did not see best to grant the Omaha memorial, but it was courteous and thoughtful of you to accept our invitation, and thus give the Western sisters an opportunity to see your faces and become acquainted with those who are regarded as veterans in the work.

We again welcome you to this, our city, the "gateway of the West," the geographical center of the United States, It is, indeed, "beautiful for situation." We, as citizens, can point to many things of which we are justly proud,—and also, we confess, to some things of which we are ashamed. Here, I will warn you, that "U. P." in Omaha does not always mean "United Presbyterian," nor the sign "The Midland," always refer to our church paper. We hope you will enjoy the meeting so much and the impressions will be so good that the report you take to your husbands and brothers will be so favorable that, in the near future, we will have the pleasure of welcoming the General Assembly. And they, regarding Omaha as an observatory for our Church work in the North, South, East and West, will make this the headquarters of the Home Mission Board; and, in order that our young men may be properly equiped for work, will give us a Central Theological Seminary. In a word, make Omaha a central Pittsburgh and Allegheny of United Presbyterianism.

We feel honored that you have come to us to observe the decennial year. Have you thought what a number of anniver-

saries of interest, to our church and missions in general, cluster in the latter part of 1892 and the first part of 1893? The fifth of our Omaha Presbyterial; the fifth of the Thank-offering; the twenty-fifth of this the first of our Omaha churches; the thirtieth of our Freedmen's work; the thirty-fifth of union of the church; the fortieth of mission work in California; the fortieth of the union in Oregon. We are just entering the fortieth year of our foreign mission work in India and Egypt, and the fiftieth of continuous foreign mission work. You, my sister * from the Pacific coast, remember forty-nine years ago parting with a loved brother and sister and her family, the pioneers of our work in Palestine. We must not forget the one hundredth year of modern missions ,and, as your badge indicates, the four hundredth year of the discovery of our American continent. With thanksgiving for the past and viewing the "much and good land which yet remaineth to be possessed," will you not take for the motto of this meeting the text which was the inspiration of Columbus and Carey: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left, and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited."

This was responded to for the East by Mrs. Sarah L. Parker, of Philadelphia.

For the Central States, by Mrs. J. A. Wylie, as follows:

As the representative voice of the women of the United Presbyterian church, of the Central States, I thank you for kindly greeting. It is with pleasure and anticipation of being greatly benefited that we come to you. A pleasure to meet with you in this rapidly growing metropolis of the west and learn something of that power which with characteristic energy, peculiar to her, has placed Omaha among the leading cities of our country. But if a pleasure to be in your city, it is much more of a pleasure to meet with you, my sisters of the United Presbyterian church of Omaha, and realize that you too are filled with this same enterprise and energy. Only a few years back you reported but one society, now four are reported. They can still be counted on the fingers of one hand, but with this push and enthusiasm the time will be short until the other hand will have to be used. I am sure our husbands and brothers will hear a very favorable report and we hope you will be rewarded for your faithfulness. As we come among you and into this convention,here to meet and mingle with the women gathered from all parts of our church, we greatly desire that the graces within us may be stirred up to greater activity, our earnestness renewed and intensified. Yet we do not wish or intend that we shall be as cinders among the live coals, taking in the warmth and heat, and giving out nothing, but rather as fuel applied to the already flaming fire, increasing the strength and power; watering the souls of others, while our own souls are being fed.

We congratulate ourselves on being the middle division of the great chain which, reaching from New York on the eastern coast to San Francisco on the western, spans this continent with that branch of Christ's church which is looked upon by many as inferior, and stigmatized as the "Psalm Singers;" but of this latter we are proud. As "Psalm Singers" our influence is being felt, and these grand old songs shall yet be sung around this world; to this let us hold fast. As workers of the Central States we have within our borders Xenia, the location of our MAGAZINE committee, of whom we are justly proud. They have served us well. St. Louis will soon entertain the institute of the O. Y. P. C. U.; Monmouth, the General Assembly; Biggsville, a neighboring town, the Committee of Missions. In these places our women efficiently do their part. But our greatest city, the London of the Central States, where we now have a strong nucleus, and where, we expect in the near future to be found one of our strongholds, Chicago, this year will need the help of this convention, and every like convention. As people gather there from all over the world to view the "greatest international exposition ever dreamed or conceived of; greater than all that have gone before rolled into one," the "exemplification of American pluck, energy and determina-

* Mrs. Nancy Wallace, San Francisco.

tion," shall the American Christians not show (at least to many) another wonder: an old time Sabbath, a true Christian Sabbath. You have no doubt noticed that the O.Y.P.C.U., of Chicago, under leadership of J. McKenzie Cleland, have undertaken to compel the Mayor to enforce the laws in interest of the Sabbath and other moral reforms. They ask the prayers and co-operation of the whole church. Women, Christians of Chicago, rouse yourselves and rush to their help. Women of our General Missionary Society, fall into ranks; Christianity throughout this broad fair land, muster in. Your commander, the Lord Jesus Christ, calls you to the battle. Go forward and know that no grander victory, it seems, at the present time can be won for Christ and our country than the keeping of the Christian Sabbath, at the World's Fair. Who can estimate it in the saving of life, of property, of purity, and of souls. On last Sabbath this victory was won, the gates were closed, but to have this continue it will require vigilance and faithful watching on the part of Christians.

Our MAGAZINE committee last year urged that in their line of work "we determine like the Teutonic on her ocean voyage, to not only make, but break, the record." This we must determine to do all along the lines of work.

At this, the tenth anniversary, our hearts are full of praise to God for his abundant blessings. Let us enter another semi-score of years, feeling that the past is but an earnest of the possibilities of the future. "The morning and evening sky is reddening with the truth and fame" that woman has a work to do, and that she alone can do it.

For the Pacific Slope by Mrs. Nancy Wallace, of San Francisco.

Mrs. Moorehead then introduced Mrs. Wm. H. Vincent, of Detroit, Michigan, elected President of this Society, May, 1892, at Philadelphia, Pa., who delivered the

Opening Address.

The year 1893 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the sending out of the first foreign misssionary from English shores. In that one hundred years what changes have taken place! The nations of the earth were then bolted and barred against the entrance of the missionary; now the bars are down, the gates are open, and the knowledge of the Lord beginning to cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea. This is the Lord's work, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has gone before his people, has been the leader of what once looked like a forlorn hope, and he has led on to victory, giving his missionaries courage to face without fear famine, fever, exposure, privation, death, if by any means they might win some. Passing by all that has been accomplished in our own and other Christian lands, let us at a glance see what changes have come to pagan lands, in this century of progress in Christian missions.

India, once hostile to missions, grew to tolerate, then to desire the gospel light. Six hundred missionaries sleep in the soil of India awaiting the resurrection of the just, but the time of bringing back the sheaves from the seed they sowed in tears has come. In one year we read of 60,000 persons who forsook the native religions and identified themselves with Christian communities. Dr. Pentecost says, "2500 are baptized in India every month, and it is believed that the number of secret believers is nearly as great as of avowed adherents."

The church in Ongole, India, was organized with eight souls. In eleven years every one of these little ones had literally become a thousand. In one day 2,222 new converts were baptized into the church. Does not this seem like a second pentecost?

Eighty-five years ago the East India Company placed on solemn record, "The sending of Christian missionaries into our Eastern possessions is the maddest, most expensive, most unwarranted project that was ever proposed by a lunatic enthusiast." In view of what has been accomplished by these very missionaries, the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal said a few months ago, "In my judgment Christian missionaries have done more real and lasting good to the people of India than all other agencies combined."

China, called the walled kingdom, presented formidable difficulties to the missionary of the cross. "Oh mighty fortress when shall these impenetrable brazen

gates of thine be broken through?" was the exclamation of one of the earliest missionaries, as he gazed in sadness at the mountains of China. The words well express the almost incredible difficulties which this largest and most thickly populated heathen land, with its culture of three thousand years, and its petrified constitution and customs, presented to missionary effort. The first British ships carried opium to China—not the Bible,—but later the bread of life was brought to them in the hands of faithful missionaries, and after eighty years of toil we see the fruits of their labors in the 32,000 communicants in the Christian churches of China. So much has the work grown in favor with the government that in one instance the offer of a princely salary was made to induce the missionaries to take charge of the government schools. But like Nehemiah, the reply was "We are engaged in a great work and cannot come down to you." Dr. Williams, after thirty-two years of missionary labor in China, thinks that half a century more of Christian missions will evangelize and even Christianize this empire.

Livingstone penetrated into darkest Africa, and everywhere carried with him the light of the world. No less than eight missions in central Africa have resulted from his work. The work has been bathed in the blood of many martyrs, but the greatest difficulties have been conquered and more than 200,000 have been brought into the Christian church. All Africa waits for the gospel.

Japan has thrown open its doors to the missionary and his Bible. It is not more than a score of years since the first protestant church was formed in this sunrise kingdom. In eleven years there were one hundred and fifty churches and more than 6,000 converts. The people are hungry for the gospel. Does not this seem like a nation born in a day? It seems but yesterday the work was begun in Japan—less than thirty-five years—but since then the doors have been thrown wide open to Christian missions, Christian customs and civilization are possessing the land, and they now stand ready to carry the light to Korea.

In Madagascar it has been fully demonstrated that the word of God is powerful to convert the soul that lies in sin. In the absence of foreign teachers, with no teaching but that of the word of God blessed by His spirit, under the severest persecution which a mission has ever had to suffer, sustained only by the power of God, the Christian religion has firmly established itself in that land, the Queen herself having been baptized and 70,000 of her subjects being church members.

The Sandwich islands abandoned idolatry because the yoke was too heavy to be borne, and when the first American missionaries came to them they found them waiting for a religion. Within fifty years this entire people have taken their place as a Christian nation.

The Fiji Islands have turned from their deeds of darkness, and are becoming light bearers to others. In the South Seas the work has made rapid progress. Idols have been abandoned, churches have been built. The islands of the sea are taking up the song of praise to our Redeemer. The "Light of Asia" is fading away. The sun of righteousness has risen and is shedding his beams over the whole earth. From north, south, east and west the first fruits of the gospel have been gathered in, but the work is only begun. The trumpet-call to prayer has sounded once around the world, and the foremost nations of the earth are not only Christian but protestant.

The great question decided by the French and Indian war, in our own land, was whether this country should be ruled by Christian England or Catholic France. God first gave this fair land to England that it might be kept for Christ and then gave it to us, a precious legacy to be kept for Him. To-day the flag that floats over the land of the free gives protection to those who worship God after the dictates of their own consciences—and our wonderful prosperity as a nation is due to our being a free protestant Christian people. Let us see to it that no man take our crown, that no treacherous Delilah shear our locks of beauty and of strength.

Within our land we find at least three peoples who appeal to us for help. On our southern border 8,000,000 freedmen, who asked to be delivered from the bondage of sin, superstition and ignorance.

In the western part the Mormons,

whose laws and religion are diverse from ours, and who would much rather not keep our laws or embrace our religion. They are degraded and debased, being bound by a religion little different from Mohammedanism itself.

And in the northwest the Indians. A hundred years ago an English clergyman earned for himself the distinction of being called very eccentric because he hazarded the opinion that it was possible for the North American Indian to be converted. We have lived to see that he was more than right. Since General Sherman's campaign against the Cheyennes, which is reported to have cost five million dollars, it has been considered more economical as well as humane and Christian to convert them. Schools have been established among them, the missionary breaks to them the bread of life, and many encouraging results give confidence to prosecute the work with more earnestness in the future. But many tribes still sit in darkness, waiting for us to send them the light.

This is a great land in which we dwell. Mr. Gladstone says we have "a natural base for the greatest continuous empire ever established by man." We have but little conception of the immense extent or resources of our country. We of Pennsylvania and Ohio have always considered Omaha as very far west, but several ladies wrote me that they would like to attend this convention, but they could not come so far east as Omaha this summer.

Dr. Strong likens our one state of Texas to a giant. Placing the head of this colossus on the mountains of Norway, his one hand would cover the city of London, the other Warsaw, his body the different countries of eastern Europe, and extending down over Italy, his feet would dip in the Mediterranean sea. This one state of Texas is large enough to accommodate all the inhabitants of the United States. After allowing 50,000 square miles for desert, Texas could produce all our food crops, could raise the world's supply of cotton, and then have remaining a cattle range larger than the state of New York. Perhaps we have just a little idea of what may be developed in some of our new states or the territories in the next few years.

Forty years ago the government reports put Nebraska down as part of the Great American Desert, and spoke of it as "a desert country, hopelessly unfit for agriculture." It is now one of the leading agricultural states of the Union, with a population of over a million, and here are we to-night enjoying the hospitality of this great and populous state, and this beautiful city.

We have room for all the world's inhabitants and can feed creation at our board. Our coal and gas furnish warmth for shivering humanity, our gold and gems could provide diadems for all earth's sovereigns. America is the new land of promise to all the world. In England only one person in twenty owns any land. In Scotland one in twenty-five, and in Ireland one in seventy-nine. While the great majority of land owners in Great Britain claim less than an acre each, these all have heard that Uncle Sam is rich enough to give us all a farm, and they come to claim their share. The hungry of the old world come that they may be fed with the crumbs that fall from our tables. They are coming to us 600,000 of them every year, and unless restricted, will come more rapidly, for every foreigner who finds his expectations realized in this land of plenty, advertises for us, and urges all his friends to come and get their share of the inheritance. About all the luggage most of these bring with them is their "isms" of various kinds, and large ideas of the liberty to do as you please in America.

Is it because we have been so long neglectful of our Lord's command to carry the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth that he is sending to our shores those of every land that they may be taught the way of life? The heathen have been brought to our very doors, and at last we see that the only safety to our free institutions lies in teaching them the Bible. In the word of God is the only solution of the great labor questions of the day. It is not a time for God's people to stand idly by. He speaks to each one of us and says, "Why stand ye here idle all the day; go work in my vineyard today." The work of the home missionary was never so much needed as now. The enemy is in the field, ready and equipped for the battle. They are marshaling

their hosts to attack our Sabbath; to silence our pulpits from proclaiming the truth, while our ministers discuss higher criticism; to snare our husbands and fathers, sons and brothers, with the wine cup; to make warfare on our public schools and to throttle and conserve to their own uses the press.

What shall we do to oppose this tide of evil? Organize, act. Never were we so well prepared as today to meet the enemy. Some years ago our men only waged this warfare, but today the women of our land stand a mighty army to make war on sin in every form. When men had almost despaired of stemming the flood of intemperance that was sweeping over our land, a Deborah arose in the person of Frances Willard, who has spoken such words of victory to the Baraks that more than once the foe has been vanquished and put to flight. Perhaps somewhere among the ranks of the Women's Christian Temperance Union shall be found the Jael who, driving the nail through the temple of this Sisera and slaughtering this enemy of mankind, shall bring deliverance to those ensnared by it.

Our young people are organized a mighty host, awaiting marching orders. One division, 25,000 strong, having for their motto, "Whose we are and whom we serve." Another, 400,000 strong, having for their watchword, "Look up, lift up." Another, a million five hundred thousand strong, with their motto, "For Christ and the church," and all with one idea, the whole world for Christ, and Christ for the whole world. Our children are organized and are being trained from their very youth to this warfare.

The missionary spirit has shaken our colleges, universities and seminaries, and 6000 young men have offered themselves to proclaim the gospel in foreign lands. God's scattered household is to be gathered in from far and near. Other sheep he has which are not of this fold. Looking out over the nations of the earth, He says, "I have much people in this place," and in that. God's mighty power has wrought upon the hearts of mankind until the macedonian cry for help sounds in our ears from every heathen land. The crisis of missions is upon us. Were we not brought into the kingdom for such a time as this? Surely God will send deliverance to those who cry for help, if not by us by some other means, and upon us will rest the responsibility of not doing. This is America's day of opportunity. To us have been given the five talents, unlimited wealth, wide spread education, an open door of communication with every nation, our language popular over all the civilized earth, and every art and science that can aid this work flourishing among us. It would be hard to overestimate the grandeur of our opportunity, the greatness of our responsibility, or the peril of unfaithfulness, neglect or even delay.

Some one has divided all Christians into three classes,—mission Christians, anti-mission Christians, and omission Christian. A larger number than ever before belong to the first class, the mission Christians. Great numbers of professing Christians once belonged to the two last classes. The church a hundred years ago was either opposed to world-wide missions or utterly indifferent. It took Cary to plead with all his burning eloquence for twelve years before the first foreign missionary society was formed. But now the church has wheeled into line and declared itself on the side of missions. But the work is not done without receiving its full share of criticism. One of the first objections urged against foreign missions was that "it is not wise to export religion, for we have no more than we need at home." The descendants of this objector are yet with us, and they say. "When we get all the heathen at home converted it will be time enough to carry the gospel to those over the seas." To all such our Lord makes answer, "This ought ye to have done, and not to have left the other undone." Those who refuse to sustain the foreign missions are seldom conspicuous for their gifts to the home work.

Even in this enlightened age there are those who point to the hosts of brave men and women who are every year consecrated to this work, and to the amount of treasure every year laid on the altar of the Lord for missionary purposes, and then point to the blackness of darkness that broods over so large a part of the earth, to the sin and iniquity that abound, and ask "To what purpose

is this waste? What does it all avail? Might not this money have been used for some grander end?"

But in all such criticism of missionary enterprise the important factor in the work is not counted on. This is the Lord's work. The lesson we have to learn is to wait on the Lord and be of good cheer, He will bring it to pass. Missionary enterprise is not a great machine which, tended by a certain number of ministers and teachers, fed by a certain portion of Bibles and tracts, will in a given time produce certain results. But as Paul plants and Apollos waters there must be a patient waiting on the Lord that he will send the early and the latter rain that shall cause the seed to spring up and bring forth fruit. Much of the results of missionary labor cannot be reduced to the mathematical order of a statistical table. Our own missionaries in India labored for three years before they heard the first droppings of the abundance of rain on that dry and parched land. But after three years they received the first fruits of their labors into the church. Rob't Morrison labored and prayed in China for seven years before he baptized his first convert.

But who shall say that these years were lost, or their labor in vain? Men and women were being lifted into a higher, purer atmosphere, their hearts were being prepared for the abundant blessing about to be poured out on them. The work was growing in favor with God and men. The ground was being prepared, the seed being sowed, and in all the years since it has been springing up, until now the white harvest fields everywhere invite the reapers to thrust in the sickle and reap. Neither are our obligations measured by results. Once it was said to a prophet, "Thou shalt speak my words to them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear." Generations of hope deferred almost reduced the ancient church to despair, before the fullness of time appeared. When the church has been readiest to cry out, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nought," she may add in faith, "yet my work is with my God." The gospel has achieved glorious results. Dr. March is our authority for saying that "the 3,000 added to the church on the day of Pentecost was thought to be a sufficient demonstration of the fitness of the gospel for all nations. But in this single land of ours 3,000 are added to the church every day in the year, and the Bible has been translated into twenty times as many languages as were spoken in Jerusalem when the inspired apostles told the wonderful works of God in the native tongue of all that heard."

But does any one suppose that the work is almost finished, the world about won for Christ? Far from it. We have only made a beginning. Look for a moment at what remains to be done in pagan lands. We little appreciate the extent of the unoccupied fields or the multitudes that have never been brought under gospel influence. Only one-third of the earth's inhabitants have ever heard the glad tidings of great joy. Islam has a hundred and seventy millions of deluded followers. We have only begun to reach Thibet, Mongolia and Arabia. Anam and Kurdistan have twenty-three millions sitting in darkness, the Congo basin fifty millions more, and we have only commenced the work among them. In China, in 1881, there was an immense tract one thousand miles square, thickly populated, that had only three mission stations.

The billion of unconverted persons in the world form a vast army, which if placed in platoons of sixteen, marching three feet apart would girdle this globe. Meanwhile, a great host of them, equal to half the population of the United States, every year pass into eternity without ever having heard of God or knowing a Saviour.

The king's business requires haste. Who will go? The harvest is ripe, the the laborers are few. We need a new baptism of the spirit of missions to enlist more workers, and to consecrate more money to this cause. By God's blessing on these two means is work to be accomplished. God inclined Artaxerxes to grant Nehemiah's request, as soon as Nehemiah had prayed himself into such a frame of mind that he was ready to cast in his lot with the brethren at Jerusalem who were despised, and in great affliction, choosing Moses-like, to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than live longer in the luxury of a

heathen court.

God opened up the way for foreign mission work to Wm. Carey, as soon as he declared his willingness to leave his shoemaker's bench, and go forth as a gospel messenger himself. God is ready to answer our prayer "Thy kingdom come," as soon as we show ourselves ready to labor and give, that this glorious time may be hastened when all the ends of the earth may know and serve the only true God. If you cannot go, will you send some one?

In the Moravian church, one in every sixty of the membership is actively engaged in mission work. With us the work is frightfully out of proportion to the workers. From each of our mission fields comes the cry, "Send us more helpers; the labor is too great for us."

Each year the church sends out its noble band of missionaries baptized with its tears and prayers and blessings, and still every ordained teacher in heathen lands has a hundred thousand souls committed to his care. In the United States the number of preachers is one to one thousand souls. This is in a land already intelligent, and where the Christian religion is popular; in a land of universities and colleges, a land of enterprise and industry, where the arts flourish and where more than a million and a half of the people are professing Christians and ready to assist the minister in various ways. In heathen lands one minister to a hundred thousand souls, with few, if any, intelligent Christians to help as teachers, little or no literature, few schools, and minds of the people steeped in ignorance and superstition.

Do you ask why, since so many stand pledged to engage in this glorious work, so few are in the field. It is because we have not brought the tithes into the Lord's store-house.

Our God is no respecter of persons; our brother be he bond or free, barbarian, Scythian, or Jew, is hungering, thirsting, perishing for the good word of life, and we spend our money for that which satisfieth not. Notwithstanding the Lord has cast our lot in this land of plenty, where we enjoy all the comforts and luxuries of life, our mission boards are continually burdened with debt, and a vision of empty treasuries.

Instead of placing God and his work first on our list of expenditures, our own selfish wants, real and imaginary, are gratified first, and if anything remains, and if the plea for missions is made specially touching, we may contribute our mite, not out of our penury, but out of our abundance for the spread of the gospel. Some one suggests that, considering the smallness of our gifts, about the only way of accounting for God's continuing to bless us is that there are some widows among us, and a few others who contribute conscientiously as the Lord has prospered them. These are the salt, the few righteous who save us from God's wrath. Christ's command to His disciples was that they were to deny themselves, take up the cross and follow him. How much self-denial think you is practiced by the one hundred million Protestant believers in the world who annually contribute to foreign missions ten million dollars, or ten cents apiece. This is also only one cent apiece for each of the billion souls that wait the gospel message at our hands. How soon think you will we accomplish the salvation of the world at this rate?

Money flows freely for every other object. We in the United States spend a thousand million dollars a year for intoxicants; something over ten million for home and foreign missions; one dollar for missions; one hundred dollars for the whisky fiend; one dollar for salvation; one hundred for damnation. For every dollar we give to missions we spend two hundred and fifty-five for liquor and tobacco.

We have, this year, sent a message to every nation inviting them to join us in celebrating our greatness in a World's Fair. Our congress and the several states and territories have appropriated thirteen million dollars to make a vain show of our material prosperity. How much shall we this year lay on God's altar to send his message to a dying world?

We ridicule the poor Chinaman and legislate against him, but the members of the Christian Chinese churches in America give an average of thirty-nine dollars apiece for benevolent purposes. Six native Christians on the banks of the Euphrates, whose property averaged eight hundred dollars each, gave toward

their chapel and school-room more than fifty dollars apiece, which contribution means more than a thousand days work for each of these persons. In 1881 the members of our churches in Egypt, most of them very poor people, gave an average of seventeen dollars each for the support of churches and schools. If these figures surprise you, what are your feelings when you recollect that Christians in rich America give only *fifty-six cents each* to Home Missions, and *thirty-three cents each* for Foreign Missions. When our Lord who has divided unto us his goods and gone away into a far country shall come again and reckon with us, what shall be said to such stewardship as this? The truth still holds good, "Where the treasure is there will the heart be also." Perhaps it is because of the small investments we have made in this work that we are so indifferent as to the results of it. There is no cheap and easy way of carrying on this work. The scheme of saving a lost world cost in the beginning heaven's richest gift—God's only son—and the prosecution and finishing of it shall be through the self-denial, toil, devotion and obedience unto death, it may be, of our best men and women. The results to be obtained are worth the combined wealth of christendom. Do you ask, will it pay? I answer, yes, it will pay, even from a worldly point of view. England estimates that for every pound sterling she has expended for foreign missions she has received back ten. A thousand per cent. is surely gain enough to attract the attention of capitalists; and who shall calculate the great reward in store for those to whom it shall be said: "Come, inherit the kingdom prepared for you," "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye did it unto me." Not until with Wesley we own "the world our parish," and with Whitefield, "every man our brother," will we have come to a full realization of our obligation that to whom much is given from them shall much be expected. Our own church asks from her membership less than a cent a day to carry on her mission work, and although we profess to be interested in the work, our contributions are far from reaching even this low mark.

In this time of need woman has come to the rescue, and the smallest of our churches has its women's missionary society, that plans and works and prays and gives that the gospel that has emancipated woman may be carried to those of our sisters who are still degraded and debased. The heathen women's epitaph if written would read, "Unwelcomed at birth, untaught in childhood, enslaved when married, accursed as a widow, unlamented when dead." And so has come to pass that greatest power in modern mission work—women's work for women. The skillful needle of a missionary's wife first obtained entrance for her to oriental zenanas. The elaborately embroidered slippers touched even a heathen's sense of the beautiful, and with his consent this Christian woman entered his home to teach his wives the art, but she also taught them of the robes of righteousness, the only covering for sin, and now the Christian women find ready access to the homes of India, Turkey, China and Egypt. A recent writer quotes a friendly Hindu as saying, "We do not fear your schools, we need not send our children; we do not fear your books, for we need not read them; we do not much fear your preaching, we need not listen; but we dread your women and we dread your doctors." Said another, "If these women get at the hearts of our women they will soon reach the heads of our men."

When God opened up the way for this work, he moved the Christian women to organize for the work. The growth of women's boards marks an important epoch in the history of missionary enterprise. The origin of these boards was the inaccessibility of heathen women to male missionaries, and their aim is to send out and support female missionaries and teachers among heathen women. The importance of this work is only realized when we remember the responsible place occupied by the mothers of a nation. It is said that a nation's life never rises higher than the condition of its women. If the child is father of the man, woman moulds and makes the child what he becomes. She has the plastic clay in her hands to mould at will, and if it is to make vessels of honor a sanctified hand must shape the character and destiny. These organizations have quickened the spiritual life at home, and our women

have given of their time and labor literally without money and without price to diffuse intelligence, arouse interest in missions and to gather offerings. Others may pray spasmodically for missions, but women gather monthly to pray for this one thing. Who shall say that the open doors, and the hunger for the bread of life, are not God's answer to this monthly concert of prayer by the Christian women of our land. Some women have been called to prominent places in the work, others are not known as doing more than making the little coats for Samuel. The mothers and sisters who are denying self to keep that son and brother in college and seminary, that he may be a minister of glad tidings, are truly missionaries themselves. There are others, who, Dorcas-like, clothe the widows and orphans, and others who taking the young Apollos expound unto him the word of God more perfectly. Our Orphan's Homes and Homes for the Aged, as welll as medical missions in the foreign field, are all branches of the work nurtured and maintained by women's love and women's zeal.

Much remains to be done. Hundreds of millions of human beings have not heard so much as the faintest echo of the gospel trumpet. Only one in every ten of the world's inhabitants are even nominally Christians. What are you doing to bring ten with you in the day when God makes up his jewels?

Do I address any who are sitting at ease in Zion, who are satisfied with trying to gain an entrance to the kingdom of heaven for themselves? If so, I would ask you why are you not arrayed on the side of this great work of spreading the gospel? The work is sure to be successful, for the Lord hath spoken it. The rewards are certain. It has been charged that the Christian church is playing at missions, and truly it looks so when we realize what we might do if all were baptized with the spirit of missions —an intense love for souls—which will not let us rest until we have brought about that glad time when the kingdoms of this earth shall have become the kingdom of our Lord. The work inaugurated by the 120 poor men and women in that upper room at Jerusalem revolutionized the great Roman empire in less than 600 years. Centuries ago one enthusiastic but illiterate man, Peter the Hermit, with his rallying cry, "God wills it, God wills it," aroused all Christendom to go forth by the hundred thousand to deliver Jerusalem from the Moslems. How much more could the trained, eloquent, enlightened men of to-day stir the hearts of all Christendom with appeals for the deliverence of hundreds of millions from the bondage of sin and death. Dr. Pierson quotes a British sailor as replying, when asked how long it would take them to carry a message from the Queen to every nation, that he thought they could accomplish it in about eighteen months. We have been more than eighteen hundred years carrying the proclamation from the King of Kings to even a part of the nations. Our churches are not to be religious clubs for the pleasure and gratification of the members, but evangelizing agencies. They are God-given institutions, whose object is to make men like Christ, earth like heaven, and the kingdoms of this earth the kingdoms of Christ.

One other means to this end is the dissemination of cheap missionary literature which should have a place in every Christian home. The story is worth reading and will be found more interesting than fiction. History repeats the dangers encountered by the first missionary. "In journeyings often in perils by land, in perils by sea, in perils by robbers, in perils among false brethren, and besides these the care of all the churches." The names of those men and women who represent our own particular church, as well as those who represent other sections of the church universal, should be household words. In connection with our World's Fair a congress of missions is to be held, where eminent men and women, expert workers in all departments, will discuss the moral, social and religious problems of our cities and of missionary work in general. May we not hope that God's presence in such a gathering as this will give the work such an impetus as it has not felt since the first Pentecostal shower of blessings and preparation for the work.

In closing, look for a moment at what our own church has done. At the union our church had altogether nine foreign

missionaries; no native churches or missionaries, and only a few native scholars and teachers, and the whole amount of our contributions for the year was less than $8,000. Work was carried on in Trinidad and India, in Syria and Egypt. Thirty-five years have passed away, our work has been centralized in Egypt and India. We have occupied 207 stations; have 83 missionaries in the field, 30 of these are ordained ministers, 50 are women and 3 are medical. These are aided by 24 native ordained ministers, 33 native theological students and 461 other workers, making a total working force, native and foreign, of 601. Our contribution to foreign missions the past year was $139,279. The great work of our church for home missions is of more recent date, but the results are none the less encouraging. Our contributions to home missions the past year were more than a hundred thousand dollars. Before this convention closes, we hope to lay a love-offering of many thousand dollars on God's altar.

But notwithstanding the glorious results with which it has pleased God to crown missionary labor in our own and foreign lands, there are times when the workers feel that they have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless, at the command of the Master we stand ready to cast out the gospel net, praying that he will make us better fishers of men. And so has come to pass this annual meeting of women from all parts of our church, not only that we may better organize and systematize our work, but that we may encourage one another by the way; that we may exchange ideas concerning the management of the work and may gather new strength for the conflict. I trust God's presence shall be very manifest among us, and that as we hear of what the Lord has allowed the women of our own beloved Zion to accomplish, we shall realize that we are citizens of no mean city, and that God may baptize us with a new zeal for our church and its mission work at home and abroad.

Be of good, courage then, Christian worker. We serve a glorious Master. He is none other than the *King* of *Kings* and *Lord* of *Lords*. We are engaged in a warfare sure to be victorious, for the Father hath promised the Son the heathen for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession. Of Him the Lord hath said, "Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Thy kingdom." Of Him we sing in these songs which the finger of God hath written for his church:

"With shouts ascends our King,
With trumpets stirring call.
Praise, praise ye God, his praises sing
For God is Lord of all.
Oh sing in joyful strains,
In songs his truth make known;
God over all the nations reigns
High on his holy throne."

Weary not in well doing—a crown awaits the faithful worker. Persevere until the end, and in a little while the dawning of the better day, which we now see, shall be in its noonday splendor, and the sower and reaper shall rejoice together. Then shall all the earth join with the voices in heaven which shout, "the kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.

Hallelujah! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. All kings shall cast their crowns at his feet, and every creature that is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them shall say, blessing, and honor and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, forever and ever.

The roll was called and meeting adjourned by holding an informal reception which was enjoyed to the uttermost by the delegates and visitors to the Convention.

WEDNESDAY, May 10, 9 A. M.

Mrs. C. C. Kyle, of Majors, Nebraska, opened the session with devotional exercises. An interesting feature of this service was the season of prayer, during which many responded to the request of the leader to offer a short prayer. Service closed with singing No. 118 Bible Songs.

The President appointed the following committees:

NOMINATIONS.

Mrs. George W. McDonald, Allegheny, Pa.
Mrs. C. L. McCracken, N. W. Iowa.
Mrs. M. M. Patterson, Monongehela, Pa.
Mrs. John Rippey, Caledonia, N. Y.
Mrs. J. A. Ferguson, Colorado.

PLACE.

Mrs. Sarah L. Parker, Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. W. W. Bryson, Xenia, Ohio.
Mrs. Jas. Watt, Westmoreland.
Mrs. J. C. Lynn, San Francisco.
Mrs. Robert Barnes, Garnett.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. J. McNab, College Springs.
Mrs. Minnie Mason, Monongehela.
Miss Hannah E. Davis, Southern Illinois.
Miss M. M. Pressly, Allegheny.

THANK-OFFERING.

Miss E. J. Sloan, Monongehela.
Mrs. John I. Crawford, Monongehela.
Mrs. Lizzie K. Munford, Des Moines.
Mrs. D. H. Fee, Chartiers.

CREDENTIALS.

Mrs. Mary W. Porter.
Mrs. Rev. J. M. French,
Mrs. Rev. J. A. Williamson.

The roll was called, showing the following delegates:

NAMES OF DELEGATES PRESENT—BY PRESBYTERIES.

ALBANY.————.

ALLEGHENY.—Mrs. Geo. W. McDonald, Miss Sarah McCormick, Mrs. S. S. Stewart, Miss Florence Davis, Mrs. Joseph Kyle, Mrs. Mary C. Harbison, Mrs. Joseph McGowin, Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, Miss Melinda Pressly, Miss Etta Lee Clark, Mrs. J. S. Collins. 11

ARGYLE.—Mrs. A. W. Morris.

ARKANSAS VALLEY.—Mrs. J. H. Taggart.

BEAVER VALLEY.—Mrs. L. L. Parkinson.

BIG SPRINGS.—No delegate.

BOSTON.—

BROOKVILLE.—

BUTLER.—Mrs. M. McClintock.

CALEDONIA.—Mrs. John Rippey.

CEDAR RAPIDS.—Mrs. Rob't Taylor.

CHARTIERS.—Mrs. D. H. Fee.

CHICAGO.—Mrs. Rev. Black.

CHILLICOTHE.—Mrs. J. A. C. McQuiston.

CLEVELAND.—No delegate.

COLLLGE SPRINGS.—Mrs. J. H. Brown, Mrs. A. P. Thompson, Mrs. J. McNab, Mrs. J. E. Black, Mrs. Marshall. 5

COLORADO.—Mrs. J. A. Ferguson, Mrs. Rush Patton.

CONCORDIA.—No delegate.

CONEMAUGH.—No delegate.

DELAWARE.—

DES MOINES.—Mrs. J. R. Wherry, Mrs. Anna Dowell, Mrs. Mattie Henry, Mrs. Lizzie K. Munford, Mrs. Mary J. Spence, Mrs. W. H. Patterson. 6

DETROIT.—

EGYPT.—Mrs. Chauncey Murch, Mrs. Finney.

FRANKFORT.—

GARNETT.—Mrs. Speer, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. H. L. Keys, Mrs. Mary Gilfillian. 4

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—Miss Ida McKibben.

ILLINOIS SOUTHERN.—Mrs. Dr. Weir, Miss Hannah E. Davis.

INDIANA.—Mrs. A. L. Shannon, Mrs. Anna M. Cowan.

INDIANA NORTHERN.—

IOWA N. WESTERN.—Mrs. W. E. Dunlap, Mrs. C. L. McCracken.

KANSAS CITY.—

KEOKUK.—Mrs. D. J. Palmer, Mrs. I. N. Laugheah.

LAKE.—Miss E. McMichael.

LE CLAIRE.—Mrs. E. L. White.

LOS ANGELES.—Mrs. N. Wallace.

MANSFIELD.—Miss Ella Walker.

MUSKINGUM.—Mrs. W. S. Heade.

MONMOUTH.—Mrs. J. A. Wiley, Mrs. Jennie Allison.

MONONGEHELA.—Mrs. J. M. Wallace, Mrs. Minnie Mason, Mrs. A. R. Van Fossen, Mrs. Sam'l Mahood, Miss Sara McIlvaine, Miss Mary J. Blayney. Mrs. E. J. Given, Miss Belle Wilson, Mrs. Wm. Hamilton, Mrs. A. M. Kemps, Mrs. H. J. Bostwick, Mrs. D. K. Bryce, Mrs. T. J. Gillespie, Mrs. John S. Crawford. 14

NEW YORK.—Mrs. T. C. McKelvey.

NORTH PLATTE.—Mrs. W. R. Cox, Mrs. L. J. Fowle.

FIRST OHIO.—Miss Mary Scouller.

OMAHA.—Mrs. C. C. Kyle, Mrs. Rev. J. M. Williamson, Mrs. Nevin, Mrs. Ross. 4

OREGON.—Mrs. S. E. Young, Mrs. E. F. Sox.

PAWNEE.—Mrs. R. McCready, Mrs. O. S. Morrow.

PHILADELPHIA.—Mrs. S. C. Parker.

PRINCETON.—

ROCK ISLAND.—Mrs. W. M. Story.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Mrs. J. C. Lynn.

SIALKOT.—Mrs. Lytle, Miss Emma D. Anderson.

SIDNEY.—

STAMFORD.—

STEUBENVILLE.—Mrs. R. L. Brownlee.

TENNESSEE.

VERMONT.—

WESTMORELAND.—Mrs. J. B. McBride, Mrs. J. A. Dick, Mrs. Carrie K. Linton, Miss Maggie McClure, Miss Lizzie Caughey, Mrs. James Watt. 6

WHEELING.—

WISCONSIN.—

XENIA.—Mrs. W. G. Moorehead, Mrs. W. W. Bryson.

FREEDMEN'S SPECIAL.—Miss Ella R. Day, Norfolk, Va.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION WORK.—Mrs. M. M. Patterson, Monongehela.

MAGAZINE COMMITTEE.—Mrs. W. C. Hutchison, Xenia, Ohio.

MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S BOARD.—Mrs. W. J. Reid,

Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Campbell, Mrs. Thomas J. Gillespie. Miss E. J. Sloan, Mrs. Mary W. Porter. 6

LIFE MEMBERS.—Mrs. Elizabeth M. Campbell, Mrs. Mary B. Reid, Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, Mrs. Jas. H. Young, Mrs. Harvey Bell, Mrs. J. A. Kennedy, Miss E. J. Sloan. 7

Afterwards names were presented to the convention of persons who had not presented credentials. On motion, such names were added to the roll, for recognition; in all, ninety-seven delegates, one member of Magazine Committee, six directors of the Women's Board, and seven life members, making, with the officers of the convention, an official representation of one hundred and eight, four of the directors being life members of the society, and the treasurer and secretary of the Society being directors of the Board. First and second vice-presidents absent.

The report of the Secretary of Women's General Missionary Society was read and adopted:

Report of Secretary

Of the Women's General Missionary Society, of the United Presbyterian Church.

The year ending April 15th, 1893, marks an important epoch in the history of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. From a small band we have grown to be a mighty force in influence in the church, with our regularly organized work in the Foreign, Home and Freedmen's missions, as well as in the other Boards of the church, Church Extension and Parsonage Fund, Ministerial Relief and Women's Association work.

In the month of May, of the year 1883, a called meeting of the women of the church was held in the First church, Allegheny, Mrs. Dr. Collins, of Philadelphia, presiding; Mrs. Elizabeth M. Campbell, secretary; at which time the Women's General Missionary Society was organized, and a committee on permanent organization appointed, to prepare constitution and by-laws, also, an executive committee, to prepare a programme for the First Annual Convention, which was to meet by invitation in Sparta, Illinois, May, 1884. A committee was appointed to secure the wishes of the members of the societies in regard to the publishing of a Women's Missionary Magazine, referred to the committee on resolutions.

The First Annual Convention was held in Sparta, Ill., May 28, 1884, Miss Eliza B. Wallace, of Knoxville, Tenn., presiding; Mrs. Furgeson, of Loveland, Col., Secretary. Twenty-two Presbyteries were represented by seventy-three delegates, at which time the committee on permanent organization presented the following report, which was adopted: Resolved, That we form a permanent organization, to be called the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian church, holding an annual meeting the second week of May.

The constitution and by-laws as amended were adopted at this meeting. Suggestions were also made in reference to a Women's Board, and a committee appointed to gather and give information on this subject. This committee was composed of Mrs. J. M. Fulton, Miss E. P. Phelps and Mrs. S. B. Moore.

Second Annual Convention held in Xenia, Ohio, May 13 and 14, 1885, Mrs. H. C. Campbell, of Allegheny, Pa., presiding, and Miss Mary Clokey, Springfield, Ohio, Secretary; Mrs. E. E. Cooley, Ass't Sec'y. Forty-three delegates, representing 22 Presbyterial Associations with one from the Orphan's Home, were present. A committee was named to suggest a plan of organization of a Women's Board, and consisted of Mrs W. J. Reid, Mrs. Jas. Kelso, Miss L. E. Frazier and Mrs. J. B. Herron. The subject of publishing a monthly Magazine was also discussed, and a motion carried that a committee of three be appointed to secure, if they find it practicable, this year, the publication of a Women's Magazine at 60 cents a year, and this committee shall have authority to secure an editor and dispatch any other business connected with its publication, this committee to consist of Miss N. White, Mrs. W. C. Hutchison and Miss E. P. Phelps. The Magazine of today tells of the success of the enterprise that had its inception with the first meeting of the society. In order to bring the interest of the United Presbyterian work at Allegheny to every part of the

church, the following resolution was adopted concerning the hospital work undertaken this year under the care of this Association.

"That there be added to the Board of the Home one member from each Presbyterial Society in the church."

Third Annual Convention was held May 11, 1886, in Allegheny, Pa., Miss Jennie Logue, Monmouth, Ill., presiding; Mrs. Watt and Miss Emma Roseberg, Sec'ys. Sixty-five delegates, representing twenty-eight Presbyteries were present. Committee on organization of Women's Board reported, and report of committee adopted. The constitution of the General Missionary Society, with the bylaws governing, were then submitted article by article, discussed with the greatest interest and enthusiasm, and adopted by a vote of 28 to 17. The minutes record the arguments, both in favor of and those opposed, as being ably conducted. The announcement was accordingly made that the Women's Board had been properly organized and was ready for work. The organization was completed May 24th, 1886, by the election of Mrs. E. J. McPherson, President; Mrs. G. D. Irons and Mrs. J. B. Herron, Vice Presidents; Miss M. M. Shaw, Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretaries, Mrs. W. J. Reid, Foreign Missions, Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Home Missions; Dr. C. Jane Vincent, Freedmen's Missions; Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth J. Sloan. An official notice was sent to the General Assembly of the action taken, and requesting the sympathy and support of the church in behalf of the Women's Board, signed by all present. The Magazine committee reported and recommended that this convention take such steps as are necessary to establish a magazine as soon as practicable. Recommendations adopted and the former committee continued, with power to proceed to publish the magazine at their earliest convenience. Committee also authorized to issue 100 shares of stock at $5.00 per share. Seventy-three shares were taken at this convention. A committee appointed to nominate fifteen members of the Advisory Board, five to serve for one year, five to serve for two years and five to serve for three years. Of the original number nine still serve on the Board. The erecting of a Little Girls' School at Knoxville considered. By-laws for the government of the proposed Board of Managers were presented at this convention.

Fourth Annual Convention was held in Monmouth, Ill., May 11th, 1887, Mrs. W. H. McMillan, of Allegheny, Pa., presiding, and Mrs. E. Y. Gordon, secretary. Thirty-three presbyteries were represented by forty delegates. The amended constitution and by-laws, prepared by the joint committee from the General Assembly and Women's Auxiliary Board, were read and adopted. A book of songs for Mission Band entertainments was recommended to the favorable notice of the convention by Miss Mary Clokey,

The Fifth Annual Convention was held in Washington, Pa., May 8th, 1888, Miss Mary Clokey, of Springfield, Ohio, presiding and Miss Sallie McDowell, secretary. Thirty-four presbyteries were represented by seventy delegates, with Women's Association work. Among the principal events of the year were the assuming of the support of Dr. Johnston, medical missionary to India, a conference held with the Foreign Board in reference to our hospital work. and the first Thankoffering service. The Foreign Board authorized the building of the Women's Memorial Hospital at Sialkot. Two parsonages built this year, one at Park Avenue, Omaha, and one at Los Angeles, Cal.

Argyle, N. Y., was the place of the Sixth Annual Convention, held May 7th, 1889, Mrs. T. E. Carson, of Baltimore, presiding; Mrs. R. T. Elliott, secretary. Forty-~~three~~ Presbyterial societies were represented by fifty-six delegates with Women's Association delegate and a special delegate from the Freedmen Mission. The charter for the General Missionary Society was presented by the secretary, Miss Shaw. The transfer to Women's Board of the medical work in India by the General Assembly was made this year. Hospital at Sialkot opened December, 1889. Miss Mary Clokey was congratulated on the completion of the Mission Band Helper, the publication of which had been authorized by the Washington, Pa. convention, as it met a long felt want in the church.

The Seventh Annual Convention was held in Washington, Iowa, May 12, 1890,

Mrs. J. B. McMichael, of Monmouth, Ill., Pres., Mrs. M. Worth, Sec. Thirty-two Presbyteries were represented by sixty delegates. The Presbyterial Societies of Mansfield and Steubenville having assumed the support of Miss Mamie Martin, missionary to India, she was presented to the convention during the Thank-offering service. The report of the General Assembly's committee in regard to the charter was prcsented, and the action of the Board regarding their report endorsed. A committee was appointed to arrange for an account book to be used by society. Treasurer's final proceedings in the transfer of the Indian work to Women's Board by the Home Board were made in July this year. Little Boys' Home at Knoxville, and Girl's Industrial Home at Chase City, completed.

Ninth General Convention was held in Philadelphia, May 10th, 1891, Mrs. Anna H. McCrory, of Pittsburgh, Pa., presiding. Thirty-seven Presbyterial associations were represented by eighty regular delegates, one special delegate, ten life members and ten directors of the Women's General Missionary Society. Two members of the Magazine committee were present at this convention. Among other items of business a decision was made that the Woman's Board assume the expense of publishing the Minutes of the Annual Convention. Four new missionaries were sent out by the Board to India this year. A new secretary of Parsonage Fund elected, Mrs. Thos. J. Gillespie, of Pittsburgh, Pa. The report of joint committee of General Assembly and Women's Board, to define the relations of the Women's Board to the other Boards of the church, was submitted and the recommendations endorsed.

The year 1893, being the tenth year of our organization, it was suggested by Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter that we celebrate it by pledging ourselves for an extra thank-offering of "a penny a day" toward a thank-offering of $75,000 on our tenth anniversary, to the General Mission work of the church. The resolution was adopted, and Mrs. Porter authorized to publish this resolution in the church papers.

At each and every convention reports were received by the secretaries of the several departments of work, as well as reports from the treasurer and recording secretary. Statistical reports are each year prepared with strict regard to their accuracy, and presented to the General Assembly, with the condensed reports of the Foreign, Home, Freedmen, Church Extension and Parsonage Fund secretaries. The Magazine and Literature committee reports are also presented and acted upon at these meetings. The thank-offering has come to be a regular feature of these conventions; the service, as arranged, being very interesting and is enjoyed by all participating in them.

Now we are come to the Tenth Annual Convention of our society. The reports this year show an increase in the contributions to the regular work of the church. The fear that the extra thank-offering would detract from the regular contributions, has not been realized, and to-day we can make our offerings, knowing that they are "extra" from the regular work. We have also reason to congratulate ourselves on the recognition that, so far as we can ascertain, no other society of women has been accorded the unsolicited honor of having the highest courts of church opening its doors to the representative of the Women's Board, as recorded in its by-laws of 1892, as follows:

Resolved, That the rule giving the Corresponding Secretaries of the different Boards the right to speak in the Assembly on all questions relating to the Boards with which they are severally connected, shall be understood as applying also to a representative appointed by the Women's Board.

In view of these blessings, dear sisters, would we not be lacking in gratitude to our Heavenly Father, whose kind and protecting care has been over and around us these years past, if we did not feel a thrill of joy and thankfulness when we contrast our first meeting with our tenth. Surely we can say the blessing of the Lord has been with the work entrusted to the women of the church. Divisions which threatened us, opinions which estranged us, have been happily harmonized, and to-day we feel we can say, "This is the Lord's work, and He is caring for his own."

Respectfully submitted,

MARY W. PORTER,
Secretary W. G. M. S.

May 4th, 1893.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CONTINGENT FUND OF

Women's Gen. Missionary Society and Board of Directors

OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand April 16th, 1892	$ 369 14	
Received from Collection, Philadelphia, Pa.	46 70	
Received from Presbyterial Societies	245 69	
Sale of Mission Band Helpers	7 50	
Sale of Thank-offering Envelopes	3 50	
Sale of Rules of Order	5 57	
Sale of Mite Boxes	9 38	
Contribution by a member of the Board	2 00	
Contribution by Mrs. T. C. Kane to Literature Committee	25 00	
Delegate Fund sent to Board by mistake	3 00	
Interest of Investments	100 00	
Interest on Bank deposits	519 67	$ 1,337 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Executive Committee of Philadelphia Convention	$ 35 42	
Traveling expenses of Officers and Missionaries to Convention	111 65	
Books, Stationary, Foreign postage, Stamped Envelopes, Printing, &c., for Board	116 59	
Printing Statistics, 5,300 copies	171 80	
Publishing Minutes	412 00	
Printing Reports, Summaries, Mite Boxes, &c	74 55	
Literature Committee, mineograph included	554 84	
Life Membership Certificates W. G. M. Society, 1,000 prints	50 00	
Interest on Funds in Trust	30 00	
Delegate Fund refunded	3 00	
Clerical services	50 00	
Janitor	25 00	
Other contingencies	15 06	$ 1,649 91
Overdrawn, April 16th, 1893		$ 312 76

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. SLOAN, Treasurer.

This report is included in General Treasurer's report, but itemized here for convenient reference.

Report of Recording Secretary.

Of the Board of Directors of the Women's General Missionary Society.

The Board of Directors was re-organized June 7th, 1892, by the election of the following officers to serve for one year: President, Mrs. Anna R. Herron; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. J. McPherson; 2d Vice-Pres., Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter; Sec. Foreign Work, Mrs. W. J. Reid; Sec. Home Work, Mrs. E. M. Campbell; Sec. Freedmen's Work, Dr. C. Jane Vincent; Sec. Church Extension and Parsonage Fund, Mrs. Jennie H. Gillespie. The Treasurer, Miss E. J. Sloan, and Secretary, Mrs. Mary W. Porter, having been elected at Convention, May, 1892, the following directors were nominated, to serve for three years: Mrs. J. I. Hastings, Indiana Pres.; Mrs. J. A. Grier, Mercer Pres.; Mrs. Thos. S. Stewart, Westmoreland Pres.; Miss E. D. Brown, Monongehela Pres.; Mrs. Mary W. Porter, Monongehela Pres.

The records of the Board show that eleven regular meeting and four special meetings were held during the year, the regular meetings being called for 10 a. m., often adjourning between five and six p. m. Regular monthly reports are given by the Foreign, Home, Freedmen, Church Extension and Parsonage Fund Secretaries; Treasurer and Chairman of Literature Committee.

The Foreign work embraces the report of the medical work, with that of the regular mission work. The sum of $5200 was appropriated for the hospital work buildings at Behra and Jhelum, India. The most urgent appeals are made for another medical missionary for India, Miss Leonora J. McDowell and Miss Jamison have been sent to the foreign field during the past year. Home work shows the support of two men and four women in the fields of Omaha, Indiana-

polis, Sioux City, Waponetia, and Sinemasho, Oregon.

Regular monthly reports are received from these missions giving detailed account of the work, number calls made, attendance in Sabbath-school, societies organized, etc. Many applications are received for women Home missionaries, the success of those already in the field encouraging others to apply for this desirable assistance to pastoral work. The reports from Warm Springs Indians work, which are received from Rev. Joseph Alter, Rev. J. A. Speer and Miss Eliza H. Black, create the greatest interest on account of the methods employed in the education of the Indians, industrial work having to be furnished and taught them. The most encouraging success has attended the work of Secretary and those having this mission in charge.

A request for assistance from the trustees of Waitsburg Academy was received and $1000 was voted for the use of this institution, on condition that they raise the sum required.

Freedmen's Secretary reports monthly from the fields of Knoxville, Chase City, Norfolk, Miller's Ferry and Henderson, N. C. Educational and financial reports are received regularly from each mission, and this whole undertaking is a model of systematic work.

Church Extension and Parsonage Fund embraces the loaning of funds for the use of needy congregations and the erection of parsonages, the rate of interest being so low that a congregation is not burdened by it. A number of applications have been granted, and several applications are under consideration. The Secretary this year is able to report a good income from money loaned.

The Literature Committee has been unusually busy this past year, the business of the Thank-offering requiring the services of a regular book-keeper with several assistants, besides the committee. Reports are made monthly by the chairman, and the issuing of leaflets, as ordered, forms an important part of the work of this committee.

Secretary of Junior work reports Secretaries being appointed and the work progressing.

The Treasurer makes a regular monthly report of the receipts and expenditures of the Board. Some idea of the increase in the Treasurer's business may be had from the following statement made at the meeting in May, 1893: the receipts of the Treasurer for the first thirteen days of April were $600, more than twice as much as the whole receipts of the year of our organization.

In summing up the work of the year, 1892-1893, we find that all departments of the work are in regular, systematic, working order, and the results are most encouraging; the increase in members of Presbyterial societies, local societies and membership all tend to show a greater interest in the work of the General Society. This work is kept constantly before the church by the publishing, in our Women's Missionary MAGAZINE and church papers, of a monthly statement of the work of the Board, including a detailed statement of receipts by the Treasurer.

The blanks for the annual reports for 1893 were mailed in February to the Secretaries, who had notified the General Secretary of the change in officers, or in their manner of doing business, some societies requiring the Corresponding Secretary to transact the business, others requiring the Recording Secretary to fill out the blanks, &c., there being no rule governing this matter. Although great care was exercised in mailing the reports, each one being weighed separately and a postal sent to the party to whom they were addressed, the report for this year is incomplete in detail. This complaint is not confined to the General Society, for as one Presbyterial Secretary, in apologizing for her late report, said, "I did every thing but go after them." In order to enable the General Secretary to obtain full and complete reports of Presbyterial Associations, it is requested that discussion and action regarding this important business be taken at this Convention, and the question settled as to whether the Recording or the Corresponding Secretary of a Presbyterial Society is the proper person to transact the business pertaining to the annual report. It is further recommended that each Presbyterial Association subscribe for one copy of our Women's Missionary Magazine, in which all notices pertaining to this work are published, early in the season, for the exclusive use of the Secretary attending

to this branch of the work. The by-laws governing the W. G. M. S. require the Recording Secretary to make the annual report to the society and General Assembly, also to compile the statistical report. Although it is the business of the General Secretary to audit the reports, and see that the amounts in dollars, balance, yet it would be a great relief if the Presbyterial Secretaries would first add therein the totals. Of the 61 blanks received, only about one third of the number were balanced.

It is also recommended that Presbyterial Associations hold their spring meeting earlier in the year, in order that the business may be fully represented up to date, and also that the Secretaries in filling out the blanks give the place and date of their semi-annual meetings.

It is further recommended that life membership funds be not designated, it being the desire to hold this as a permanent fund, the interest accruing to be used for contingent expenses as long as necessary.

The contributions for the year ending, April 15th, :are as follows:

To Foreign Missions	$ 14,427
Home "	7,386
Freedmen's "	4,312
Church Extension and Parsonage Fund	2,904
Ministerial Relief	1,295
District Work	2,364
Congregational Work	13,761
Contingent Fund	1,584
WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION WORK.	
Orphans Home	583
Memorial Hospital	121
Aged Peoples Home	2,220
Total	50,849
Estimated value of boxes	7,756
	58,605
An increase in contributions of	$5,123
Increase in value of boxes	839
Total increase	$5,962

Of the sixty-two Presbyteries in the church, sixty-one are represented in the annual report, including the new Presbyteries of North Platte, Neb, and Pittsburgh, Kansas, the latter being represented by one society; but in accordance with by-laws No. 5, societies contributing not less than $10.00 a year, where there is no Presbyterial Society, is accorded a place in the annual report.

Twelve new Congregational Societies reported, one each from, the Presbyteries of Indiana, Detroit, Tennessee, West End Philadelphia, Central Illinois, Southern Illinois, Mercer, Steubenville, Monongahela, Los Angeles and North Platte. Numerous bands are reported, but as we have a Junior Secretary the number will be given in her report. In all we have reported 869 congregational Societies; 20,365 members. These figures show the incompleteness of the Presbyterial reports.

As a Board, we are an unbroken band, sickness and death have passed us by. One of our member has been called upon to mourn the loss of a loved brother, otherwise no sorrow of this nature has been upon us, for which, with the many blessings we have received, we render grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father, trusting that our work may find favor in his eyes, and through it a blessing come upon the work of the Women's General Missionary Society.

Life members 1892: Miss E. D. Brown, Pitts., Pa.; Mrs. Jane G. Dysart, Wooster Ohio; Mrs. J. M. Brown, Wheeling, W. Va.; Miss Jennie B. Wallace, Sewickley, Pa.; Mrs. Mattie Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mrs. Geo. B. Hill, Allegheny, Pa.; Mrs. J. D. Sands, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mrs. John P. Penney, Allegheny, Pa.; Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson, Allegheny, Pa.; Mrs. Elizabeth Sands Campbell, Pittsburgh Pa.; Mrs. R. T. Elliott, Wayne, Delaware Co. Pa.; Mrs. John Stinson, Philadelphia, Pa; Mrs. S. J. Taylor, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. J. C. Kirkpatrick, Pitts., Pa.; Mrs. T. D. Mellon, Springdale, Pa., Mrs. R. M. Russell, Pitts., Pa.; Mrs. J. H. Young, Washington, Iowa; Mrs Jas. M. Hamilton, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mrs. Dr. Barr, Philadelphia Pa.; Miss Helen Thornton Brown Mansfield, Ohio.

The term of office of Mrs. E. J. McPherson, Dr. C. Jane Vincent, Mrs. W. J. Reid, Mrs. J. C. Doty, Miss E. J. Sloan, expires with this meeting.

Since the above report was presented Sialkot Presbyterial report has been received; also, society reports, making some changes in the figures as presented at Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
MARY W. PORTER,
Secretary Women's Board.

CHARTER.

According to arrangement, the Committee appointed by the General As-

sembly of 1892, consisting of Rev. W. J. Reid, D. D. and Rev. A. G. Wallace, D. D., met with the Women's Board for conference on March 14th and April 4th, 1893, at which times, after the charter as amended had been read, article by article, it was moved and carried that the Joint Committee of the General Assembly and the Women's Board approve the following draft of a new or amended charter, and if approved by legal advisers recommend it to Women's General Missionary Society and the General Assembly for adoption. Dr. C. Jane Vincent and Mrs. T. S. Stewart were appointed with the Assembly Committee to secure the legal advice.

May 2nd.—The above-named committee reported. Dr. Reid presented the charter as amended, with the legal advice procured by the Assembly Committee. Mrs. Stewart presented the legal advice procured by the Board Committee, A difference of opinion existing between the legal advisors of the committees, it was decided, on motion of Mrs. T. J. Gillespie, seconded by Mrs. W. H. McMillan, that we express our approbation of this charter, and if approved by W. G. M. S. and General Assembly, we present it to the court for enactment. It was further decided to leave the decision of all legal points to the court.

MARY W. PORTER, Secretary.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF

Women's General Missionary Society.

Treasurer's statement of receipts, disbursements and balances, for the year ending April 15th, 1893.

	Balances, April 16th, 1892.		Receipts.	Disbursments.	Balances, April 16th, 1893.	
	DR.	CR.			DR.	CR.
Foreign Missions, General		6,415 04	3,751 05	7,084 27		3,081 82
" " Special			2,244 71	2,102 71		142 00
" " Salaries		1,804 08	9,190 51	9,170 00		1,824 59
Home Missions, General		6,114 72	6,040 09	2,323 38		9,831 43
" " Warm Springs Indians		6,503 94	3,208 55	7,602 97		2,109 52
Freedmen's Mission, General		1,540 04	4,517 96	4,489 67		1,568 33
" " L. G. Home, Tenn		197 36	615 83	801 25		11 94
Church Extension and Parsonage	2,270 25		4,964 83	2,600 00		94 58
" " Special		14 00	412 20	426 20		
Ministerial Relief. Work			437 55	15 00		422 55
Orphans' Home, Allegheny			418 99	418 99		
Children's Memorial Hospital			155 03	155 03		
Aged People's Home			1,614 30	1,614 30		
Thank-offering						
Contingent Fund		369 14	968 01	1,649 91	312 76	
Life Memberships		640 00	250 00			890 00
Legacies		150 00				150 00
Investment				4,000 00	4,000 00	
Funds held in trust			1,000 00			1,000 00
	$ 2,270 25	$ 23,748 32	$ 39,789 61	$ 44,453 68	$ 4,312 76	$ 21,126 76

Total Balances on hand, April 16th, 1892	$ 21,478 07
Receipts for the year ending April 15th, 1893	39,789 61
Total	$ 61,267 68
Disbursments for the year ending April 15th, 1893	44,453 68
Total Balances on hand April 16th, 1893	$ 16,814 00

Report of Thank-offering Committee, Women's General Missionary Society, Omaha, May 10th, 1893.

Name of Presbytery.	*Amount.*		
Allegheny	$ 4,409 65	Brookville	264 25
Allegheny, Y. P. C. U., four societies	43 10	Butler	506 00
Argyle	595 31	Caledonia	317 19
Arkansas Valley	476 54	Cedar Rapids	436 45
Beaver Valley	1,078 83	Chartier's	2,120 42
Big Spring	352 93	Chicago	376 87
		Chillicothe	252 53

Cleveland	216 35
College Springs	694 02
Colorado	253 18
Conemaugh	479 79
Delaware	346 33
Des Moines	726 87
Detroit	49 78
Egypt	95 50
Frankfort	46 20
Garnett	318 55
Illinois Central	410 20
Illinois Southern	490 71
Indiana	400 00
Indiana Northern	29 10
Iowa North Western	144 35
Kansas City	60 05
Keokuk	709 41
Lake	684 10
LeClaire	250 17
Los Angeles	107 42
Mansfield	205 72
Mercer	481 35
Monmouth	945 77
Monongahela	4,849 21
Muskingum	1,075 30
North Platte	71 16
New York	521 72
Ohio—First	623 61
Omaha	514 19
Oregon	148 18
Pawnee	745 75
Philadelphia	1,100 00
Princeton	314 04
Rock Island	388 75
San Francisco	254 27
Sialkot	70 00
Sidney	507 73
Spokane	117 25
Stamford	87 00
Steubenville	1,012 89
Tennessee Union Congregation	6 00
Westmoreland	1,297 00
Wheeling	996 00
Wisconsin	121 96
Xenia	836 00
In memory of Mrs. Jean Given Anderson, by her husband, Rev. W. T. Anderson	50 00
Mrs. Anna McKitterick	4 00
No name	25 00
Mrs. B. G. and Gracie Lytle	10 00
Miss E. D. Anderson	20 00
A friend, Washington, Ia	5 00
Mrs. Rachel Mossman, proceeds of rug	9 50
Mrs. J. H. Martin	2 00
Glove money	1 50
Mrs. James Buchanan	2 50
Mrs. Margaret Dunlap	1 00
Unknown	1 00
Total	$ 35,164 50

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH J. SLOAN, Chairman.

The "Thank-offering" account of 1892 closed with the month of August, and had attained the handsome sum of $9,082.90. It was distributed as designated to

Foreign Training Schools, Egypt and India	$ 182 50	
" Salary, Miss Young	5 75	
Medical Work in India, Dr. Johnson	116 00	
Salary, City Missionaries	226 23	
Athens, Tennessee	23 00	
Library, Knoxville College	33 00	
Tacoma and Seattle	16 00	
Watts' Lane Mission, Pittsburgh, Pa	50 57	
Ministerial Relief	20 00	
Orphans' Home, Allegheny	75 00	
Aged Peoples' Home	440 62	
Children's Memorial Hospital, Allegheny	51 00	
Life Memberships in Women's General Missionary Society	125 00	$ 1,364 67
The Church Extension and Parsonage Fund Department was overdrawn at the end of the year of 1891–2 to the amount of	$2,270 25.	
That this work might not be crippled, it was unanimously agreed by your Board to appropriate $1,000 to that department		$ 1,000 00
The remainder was then divided into five equal parts, as follows:		
Foreign	1,343 65	
Home	1,343 65	
Warm Springs Indians	1,343 65	
Freedmen's	1,343 65	
Church Extension and Parsonage	1,343 65	$ 6,718 23
		$ 9,082 90

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH J. SLOAN, Treasurer

I have examined the books of Miss E. J. Sloan, Treasurer, and find the foregoing to be a correct statement of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements, for the year ending April 15th, 1893.

A. T. SAWHILL, Auditor.

Designation of Thank-offering for 1893.

Name of Presbytery or Individual.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Freedmen's Missions	Church Extension and Parsonage Fund	Ministerial Relief	Educational	Rawal Pindee, India	Miss Corbett and her work	Aged Peoples' Home & Debt.	Memor'l Hospital, Allegheny	Orphans' Home, Allegheny	Waitsburg Academy and Dormitory.	Life membership in the W. G. M. Society	Women's Board Work	Norfolk,	Miscellaneous		Total
Allegheny	$28 65	25 00							407 40	86 68	67 00			135 73		15 00	Dr. John G. Paton	$ 765 46
Big Spring	42 00		7 45												40 00	40 00	Girls' Hall, Knoxville.	129 45
Chicago	14 00										14 00							28 00
College Springs		15 00	11 00	5 00	7 00	5 00						79 05						122 05
Colorado								100 00				142 50				100 00	Altoona Mission.	142 50
Conemaugh	10 66	9 70	13 00															200 00
Delaware		16 60	16 58		48 26				11 00		5 50					10 00	Pueblo.	33 36
Des Moines	16 60			30 00			55 00					113 00				1:0 00	2nd Indianapolis Mission.	26 50
Detroit			42 00	10 00	10 00	10 00			578 75	104 55	2 00		25 00					49 78
Illinois Central				2 00					10 00									158 26
Iowa North Western				60 00								77 00						30 00
Keokuk	6 17	5 00										106 68						221 17
Mercer	10 00	13 00											25 00					53 00
Monongahela	65 60	40 10										24 33						818 00
Muskingum	14 00	70 00	30 00															184 00
New York	22 05	22 05																44 10
Ohio—First																		77 00
Oregon																		106 68
Philadelphia	104 75	104 75										24 33	25 00					234 50
Princeton					9 00													24 33
San Francisco	14 00	12 00	12 00	2 00												41 00	2d church, Portland, Ore.	49 00
Spokane	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00												15 00	Chase City Miss'n.	16 00
Steubenville	22 00	25 00	15 00	13 00					19 35						15 00	15 00	Henderson	75 00
Westmoreland	60 31	66 31	5 00	25 00								25 00						216 97
Wheeling	84 11	56 75		15 00								5 00						200 86
Xenia												20 00						25 00
A friend, Washington, Ia																		5 00
Miss Emma D. Anderson	30 95	31 00		15 00														20 00
Literature Com. List	32 00	31 61	31 00															76 95
" "	32 65	18 79	50 31															94 61
" " Cleveland																		101 75
Totals	614 50	566 66	237 24	181 00	74 26	15 00	55 00	100 00	1026 50	191 23	88 50	592 56	50 00	135 73	55 00	346 00		$4329 28

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The reports of the Treasurer of the Women's General Missionary Society, and of Mrs. Mary W. Porter, the Recording Secretary of the Board of Directors, (see previous pages) were read and adopted. Discussion of the recommendations contained in the Secretary's Report was asked for, and the report with the recommendations adopted separately as follows:

No. 1.—Recording Secretaries to receive all correspondence from Women's Board or General Missionary Society. Adopted.

No. 2.—Presbyterial societies to subscribe for one copy of the Women's Missionary MAGAZINE for exclusive use of Recording Secretary. Adopted.

No. 3.—Presbyterial Associations asked to hold their spring meetings not later than March 31st, and Secretaries in filling out blanks for the General Secretary to give time and place of all meetings. Adopted.

No. 4.—Life Membership fees be not designated. Adopted.

Report of Treasurer of Women's Board read by Treasurer, Miss E. J. Sloan,. Adopted.

Report of Literature Committee, by Chairman. Accepted and adopted as read.

Report of Literature Committee.

In making this, our first annual report, we would enroll ourselves as the youngest child of our Women's General Missionary Society. Our report is made under the deep conviction of the magnitude of the work, and that what we have been enabled to accomplish, is but a mere beginning. The white-winged messengers of knowledge which our committee has sent out over the church the past year, have carried with them many a seed-thought. Doubtless some seeds have fallen by the wayside, others upon stony places, and still others among thorns, but as they were sent forth with prayer we believe that many fell upon good ground, and in God's own time and way, will bring forth fruit to His honor and glory and good to our societies. While your committee has no great achievements to record as publishers, we have made diligent use of such publications of other denominations as, in our judgment, might prove helpful in the work of societies. These, after careful reading, were selected from over three hundred sample copies.

May we not trust that the time is not far distant when the department of work assigned to this committee, will be regarded as second to no other in educating the women and youth of our church in the thorough study of missions, and when the large part of our leaflets will be from material contributed by our own church talent? May we not hope that some plan may be devised, at this convention, whereby a sum of money will be appropriated annually toward enabling us to enlarge the work and plan better for the future? We have only to attend the monthly meetings of a large majority of our congregational societies to be convinced of the fact, that while the women of our church rank high with those of other denominations as workers and givers, we are in the primary department of the school of missionary literature. With active brains and willing hearts, all that is necessary is to bring the need of more individual and associated study to bear upon our societies to bring the ranks up to the standard. In order to incite to greater activity the talent, so long laid away in a napkin, let us take a brief review of the progress made of late years in missionary literature, and see what possibilities it may have in store for us. To one, who has long been a student of missions, there is no department of work that shows such rapid advancement as that of the publishing of missionary literature. It has kept rapid pace with missionary progress, until to-day there is no work carried on in the darkest portion of the earth but we may have knowledge of it, if we will, and that speedily. Scarcely eighty years have passed since the first foreign missionary society was organized in this country. To-day nearly every denomination has its own Home and Foreign societies, and is issuing its own missionary literature. It is stated that over 700 books relating directly to Foreign mission work, and over 1,000 more describing travels among these mission fields, are at present published in the English language. Added to these are

books innumerable upon dcpartments of Home work, besides the many helpful leaflets pertaining to the work in general.

With all these helps are the women of our church well informed upon the great subject of missions? We often wonder why there are so many "silent partners" in our work; why so many blank spaces upon our secretary's books after roll-call in our societies. We answer, because, *as a class*, God's people are not interested. Because the majority are really *ignorant* of the *needs* of the very work we pledge ourselves to support. Leaders of missionary societies, who fail to avail themselves of the helps afforded by the missionary literature of to-day, not only miss a grand opportunity to secure for themselves the first quality of literature, but fail in performing their full duty to those over whom God has placed them. To teach others, they must know themselves. Not until our societies come to be schools of knowledge; not until our prayers are born of genuine interest, acquired through study; not until our work and gifts shall be prompted by a real consciousness of the great need, will we have model societies. Not until all these qualities be united and welded together as one, and love for Christ becomes the motive power, will our efforts be fully blessed in increased attendance from the "few" to the eager multitude. Not until then will all the women of our churches, instead of one-third, be enrolled as active workers. We hear much of "stupid," and as one styles them, "lonesome" meetings, but there is no excuse for these complaints in this age of bright, spicy literature. We often wonder why Shakespeare and Travelers' clubs show so much of interest; how they spend such delightful hours, not monthly, but weekly together. Why is it? Because the members enter into a study of the subject chosen with zeal, and each member, in preparing for her part, spares neither time nor thought nor means in procuring helps. Yes! and there are at least two other reasons: 1st—The social atmosphere, the smile and the hand-shake attract. 2nd—The room chosen for the place of meeting is not the gloomiest room in the church, where the "faithful few" at the missionary meetings sit close to the windows, to catch what remains of the blinded rays of God's sunlight, as an aid in reading and singing His word, but in the very brightest and cheeriest room in the home of some member is selected for the place of study. Flowers are often daintily arranged,and everything that attracts the eye of taste in womanhood is placed within view; all these combining to make the hours of study so delightful that no member is willing to miss a single meeting. Why may we not learn from these students of secular studies how to make mission study attractive? Let us aim in the future to make our places of meeting more attractive; to have more regular and systematic study, both in the home and in our societies; have more knowledge of the people to whom we send our missionaries, and better understand with what false religions they have to contend in accepting Christianity. Do you say, "All this takes time?" *Of course it does.* But with mind well stored, with vision broadened, with soul strengthened and love deepened, who will not say, "*I am paid one hundred fold, even in this life.*"

As a help in selecting leaflets, a list of same with prices given, has been prepared for free distribution. We trust that not a delegate or visitor will go home from this convention without carrying a copy with her, from which to give orders in the future. Supply yourselves liberally with the leaflets for your home, for your friends, for your societies. As there is, in the beginning of the work of your Literature committee, a demand for organized efforts in the Presbyterial and Congregational societies, we beg leave to present in our report a series of resolutions in order to bring the subject before you for consideration and discussion:

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1, That it is the sense of this convention that the Literature Committee in order to be enabled to advance well the cause which it represents, it should have the earnest co-operation of all the Congregational societies and their members.

Resolved, 2, That each Auxiliary society be asked to promptly appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to prepare programmes of study for monthly meetings and have in charge the purchasing of missionary literature as supplied by the General Literature committee.

Resolved, 3, That this convention appropriate annually a specified sum to the Literature committee to be used solely for the publication of such missionary literature as in their wisdom is deemed necessary.

Resolved, 4, That the Executive committees of Presbyterials be instructed to, early in the year, appoint

a Literature secretary, whose duty it shall be to collect such helpful papers and exercises as are given in Auxiliary societies, for circulation throughout the Presbyterials; to keep on sale literature as supplied by our General Literature committee, and to provide for a literature table at each meeting of the Presbyterial, said Executive committee to report the name and address of the Literature secretary promptly to the chairman of the General committee.

MRS. MARY CLOKEY PORTER, Chairman.
MRS. MARY B. REID,
MRS. E. M. HILL,
MRS. E. J. MCPHERSON.
Literature Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Literature Committee in account with the Women's General Missionary Society, from May 1, 1892 to May 1, 1893.

Dr.

Sale of 3,151 Leaflets, - - -	$ 48 03	
Constitution, Philadelphia Pres.	2 00	
Total, - - - - - - - -		$ 50 03

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Cash paid for Leaflets. - -	$ 42 23	
Express and postage, - - -	3 84	$46 07
Cash on hand, - - - -		$ 3 96

MRS. MARY CLOKEY PORTER, Chairman.
MRS. E. J. MCPHERSON, Secretary.

Committee on Finance, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Campbell, Chairman. On motion action deferred.

Report on Book of Instructions, Mrs. W. J. Reid, Chairman. Report adopted as amended, that 5000 copies of this book be published for free distribution, it being understood that parties wishing these books will send a stamp for postage.

Report of MAGAZINE Committee presented by the editor, Mrs. W. C. Hutchison, who also read the report of the treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Carson, who was unable to be present. On motion, both reports received as read.

Report of Magazine Committee.

May with its blossoms brings to us the annual meeting of our Women's General Missionary Society; and these societies are among the fair flowers of our Christian civilization, the perfume of whose deeds for the Master is being wafted across continents and beyond seas.

No doubt this representative audience, with its constituency, is in hearty sympathy with every good work, and especially so with any carried on under its own auspices and to forward its own ends. We are glad to think therefore that you will be interested in the report of the MAGAZINE—your MAGAZINE, which we now have the honor to present.

As the hands on the dial mark the hours from one to twelve, so the twelve numbers of the MAGAZINE mark a circle of our society's activities. Five times has the MAGAZINE described this circle, and it is now on the sixth. While it has gone round and round with the months, it has progressed with the years. A comparison of its first year with its sixth is encouraging. When the order was given for the first number there were 1500 subscribers; now there are nearly 5500.

Under the depressing effects of bereavement, bodily weakness, and anxious cares your Committee have performed the task assigned them. President Harrison said on his return home, at the expiration of his term of office, that not the rising and setting of the sun, but his experiences had marked the time of his absence. By the calendar it was only four years, but to him it seemed like ten. So we may say, no hour-glass can measure the anxious moments, or thermometer indicate the fluctuating experiences incident to this work. The days of the month are marked by certain imperative duties, which can not be taken up and laid down at pleasure, as a piece of embroidery. They involve hard work, but it is well known that many agreeable duties are onerous, and we call them "labors of love."

This work may be likened to a triangle, because of its different sides. It has its literary side, and though a religious enterprise, it must have its business side, and these must be so adjusted as to form a perfect figure with the broad spiritual base of "Love to God and love to man," and on its every side inscribed our motto, "Thy kingdom come."

There are many views as to the relative importance of the different departments. Some wish long and full reports, while others covet the space occupied by them for papers on special subjects which have been well received at presbyterial or congregational societies; and others still wish more of variety and general information. To those in charge all are important, and all have their proper places, but for the general good no one must preponderate. Our pages

should be cleared as far as possible of unneccessary words, and of announcements merely local in character, and the valuable space can thus be given to matters of general interest and which will serve the whole society. With our limited space harmonious adjustment must be aimed at, if not secured; and with this in view, avoiding all side issues, the MAGAZINE has had to look straight forward with fixedness of purpose, and to say again and again to itself and its friends, "This *one* thing I do." This will account for what often seems to our contributors causeless and tedious delay. The legitimate field of the MAGAZINE is the ground covered by our society's endeavors. To present its needs and give some news from "the great field," in twenty-eight small pages, requires as careful economy as is exercised on the financial side to cover all expenses with the low subscription price of 60 cents a year. The home news we must have, while the foreign budget we can not do without, and so with all the other departments. It is everywhere conceded that in order to be an interested worker in the missionary society one must have knowledge of the work. "Just the knowledge she needs can be found nowhere else than in the MAGAZINE, issued by the society to which she belongs."

Our foreign missionaries have, during the past year, cheerfully complied with the request of the Committee to send to the MAGAZINE different matter from what is sent to the church papers, and we believe our readers will, without a dissenting voice, admit that they have gained thereby. For different reasons it may be advisable to have reports appear in both, but beyond this the printing of the same matter becomes a vain repetition. To be obliged to crowd out fresh matter to give space for something which has appeared in our church papers, perhaps two or three weeks before, is our hardest work. We are not alone in thinking there would be great gain if economy of space were more studied, as our church papers have repeatedly expressed the same belief. The printing of the same matter three or even four times is evidently not such economy, and as the MAGAZINE comes out but once a month, puts it at a great disadvantage. The following may serve as a sample of many letters received by us: "I send you six names and enclose money order for same. The *objection* to the MAGAZINE here is that "they get it all in the church papers."

Early in the year our MAGAZINE came out in a new cover, to which it is hoped you have all made your salaam. May the fronded palms, signifying peace and victory, be emblematic of the future of the MAGAZINE.

It was thought that a systematic course of study for the societies might be of advantage. In directing thought and attention to other religions, it is hoped our sympathy for our heathen sisters may deepen; that we may thus be incited to persistent and heaven–directed effort on their behalf, and to more intelligent and deeper thankfulness that our lot has been cast in this free Christian land.

Viewing the history of the MAGAZINE we raise our Eben-ezer saying, hitherto hath the Lord helped us. We gratefully acknowledge the assistance rendered by contributors, agents and friends, and hope that with their continued co-operation, the MAGAZINE will be more helpful and gain a larger circulation. A subscription list of barely 5500, with a membership in our societies of 20632, as reported last year, needs no argument to show what should be done. Some societies report as many subscribers as members. How different would it be if they were the rule—not the exceptions.

Allow us to call attention to the announcement made last year that the MAGAZINE, which is an enterprise in the hands of women, has never incurred a debt, and has not only met its own expenses but has abolished the *guarantee* fund and substituted a reserve fund of one thousand dollars from its own earnings. It must be remembered too that illustrations were not included when the estimates were made and the price fixed at 60 cents a year, and that these illustrations, which are of a high grade, are its most expensive feature.

We lay the past at the feet of Him who can over-rule our mistakes for His own glory. To Him we commend our future also, for He is able to do for us exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mrs. J. G. Carson in account with Women's Missionary MAGAZINE.

	Dr.
Balance on hand May 6th, 1892	$ 698.38
Received from all sources to May 6th 1893	3,354.62
Total	$4,053.00
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Expended for all purposes	$3,577.39
Balance on hand May 6th, 1893	$ 475.61

Respectfully submitted,

MAGAZINE COMMITTEE.

The Treasurer reported having received twenty-five dollars as a Thank-offering from Philadelphia Presbytery. Mrs. J. A. Kennedy was on, account of this, made a life member of the General Missionary Society. The question-box was opened, and the questions answered by Mrs. E. M. Campbell.

Dr. Williamson, of the Central church, invited the officers, delegates and visitors to lunch prepared in the Congregational church. Adjourned with the benediction.

MAY 10, 1.30 P. M.

Session opened with devotional exercises led by Miss Hannah E. Davis, of St. Louis, who also made a short address.

On motiou roll call dispensed with, Minutes of two previous sessions read and adopted.

An invitation to hold the Convention at Princeton, Indiana, was sent by the presbytery at Princeton and was emphasized by the statement that the invitation had been presented at two full meetings of the local society and was unanimous in its reception. Referred to committee on place.

Greetings were received from the presbyteries of Delaware, Princeton and Cleveland, as follows:

To the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church, in session at Omaha.

The Women's Presbyterial of Princeton Presbytery sends greeting with regrets that their delegate, Mrs. John Huddleson, of Princeton, Indiana, is unable to be present on account of sickness. May Heaven's richest blessing rest on the Convention is our prayer.

MRS. J. M. STORMONT,
Secretary of Princeton Pres.

May 8th, 1893.

To the Women's Missionary Association of the United Presbyterian Church to meet in Omaha, Neb., May 9, 1893.

The Women's Missionary Society, of Delaware Presbytery sends greeting. This anniversary of missionary work and results, may it prove a stimulus to the many thousand sisters of our church not present in your convocation. May wisdom from above be given. The enduement of divine power, may it rest on all your deliberations.

"Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."—Heb. 13:20-21.

MRS. N. E. WADE, Pres.,
MRS. J. J. ANDREWS, Cor. Sec.

Kortright, N. Y., May 3, 1893.

A resolution was adopted that the members of other churches present be extended the courtesies of the Women's General Missionary Society.

Secretary of Parsonage fund reported and explained that owing to the delay of baggage belonging to the delegates, she could not present the report prepared for this meeting, but gave as many of the important facts as she had at her command. This report accepted.

Report of Church Extension—Parsonage.

We presented our report last year with thankfulness because the Lord had accepted our offerings and crowned the year with blessing. This year has the same record, only much more abundantly. We closed our last year and entered this with a debt of $2,270.25. Our first effort was to refund this borrowed money to its own department. Four applications for loans have been received during the year.

In September Willamette congregation, Oakville, Oregon, received $600 to purchase the property then used as a parsonage at two per cent. for eight years, making an annual payment, principal and interest, of $81.75. At their earnest request they were allowed to make annual instead of quarterly payments.

In October, Clearfield, Iowa, presented their application for $700. Favorable action was taken, with the provision that the plans be changed so as to make the house more convenient, with only a slight increase of cost. We did not hear from them again until April when too late to come in this year, but they are first on the list for next year. In the meantime Neil Avenue congregation, Columbus, O., applied for a loan of $3500 to build a brick parsonage adjoining their church building, on part of the lot granted by the Board of Church Extension. This application was granted, and $2000 has been paid. The time was eleven years at two per cent., making an annual payment of $356.40.

The 2nd Church, Portland, Oregon, have asked for $2200, and have been promised the desired aid as early in the year as possible.

We have now under our care five parsonages:

	Annual payment.
Spokane, Washington, in its third year,	$329 60
1st Church, Colorado Springs, second yr,	395 00
Findlay, Ohio, second year,	200 00
Willamette, Oregon, first year,	81 75
Neil Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, first year,	356 40
Total,	$1362 75

With these figures before you, I would like to call your attention to two advantages in this work: 1st, its permanency; 2nd, its influence on the church at large.

Its permanency.—Your contributions make a permanent fund, always at work, always increasing—though slowly, yet surely. Most of the payments being made quarterly, they come in and go out two or three times in a year, making a circulating fund. The work of a congregation thus aided, is made permanent in its own eyes and before the community. They say we are settled—we are going to stay.

Its influence on the church at large.—We receive our payment in kind. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Every church made strong and self-supporting means so many more helpers, so many more contributors and another missionary society. Early in March, by permission of the Board, circulars in the interest of the Parsonage work, setting forth briefly the need and benefits to be derived from a larger outlay in this direction, were sent to the presbyterial Secretaries to be further distributed to the societies. I wish to thank the Secretaries for their kindness, and the societies for their increased contributions, and also the Board of Church Extension for the aid they have given us in our work, relieving us of much care and anxiety. I frequently receive letters from congregations who are thinking of building asking, How shall we proceed? What are your terms? etc., etc. Blank forms of applications are furnished by the Board of Church Extension. These are filled out and submitted to the presbytery in whose bounds it is located, and if approved it is signed and sent to the Board of Church Extension. If favorably received, they endorse and send to your Board, and it is granted if we have the money. Money is loaned at two per cent. The longest time yet given is twelve years. Securities are a mortgage on the property and notes signed by the trustees. No applications are considered until first endorsed by the Board of Church Extension.

I have a request to make of the societies. Do not listen to individual appeals when you have organized a department to attend to that work. By so doing you divide your efforts, cripple the work, and oftentimes the most deserving are crowded out.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Received for the year ending April 15, 1893		$4,964 83
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Over draft last year,	$2,270 25	
Willamette,	600 00	
Neill Ave., Columbus,	2,000 00	
		$4,870 25
Balance		$ 94 58

Church Extension—Special.

Balance on hand April 15, 1892	$ 14 00	
Received during the year	412 00	$426 00

PAYMENTS.

Wall's Lane Mission, Pittsburgh	$50 00
Lincoln Neb.	20 00
Pueblo	5 00
Russian Famine Fund	9 00
Neill Ave. Columbus, O.	20 00

Greenfield Parsonage	15 00	
Children's Aid Soc., Allegheny Co.	20 00	
Duquesne Mission, Pitts.	5 00	
Alliance, Neb.	15 00	
East Portland Building Fund	13 50	
Spokane	10 00	
Tacoma	43 50	
Seattle	46 50	
Waitsburgh Academy & Dormitory	142 50	$426 00

Respectfully submitted,
JENNIE H. GILLESPIE,
Corresponding Secretary.

Secretary of Home Work Mrs. Elizabeth M. Campbell, presented her report which was adopted.

Report of Home Mission Secretary of Women's Board.

For year ending April 15, 1893.

We feel sure that all will agree that no *more* important work can engage the minds and hearts of God's people than the evangelization of the people of our own land, for without Christian pulpits and families at home there will be neither men nor means to carry on the Lord's work abroad.

The year just closed has been characterized by a steady, constant prosecution of the work already undertaken, rather than a reaching out after new enterprises.

Interest has been manifested by increased contributions and correspondence; which is very encouraging when we remember that this year we were all working hard for a special Thank-offering to present to the Master on the tenth anniversary of our society. Each succeeding year brings us more abundant cause for thanksgiving, that He has considered us worthy to be co-laborers with Him, and should constrain us to a greater and more entire consecration to His service, who hath loved us and redeemed us by His own precious blood. We will consider first our,

INDIAN WORK.

Warm Springs Mission.

To the Women's Board of the United Presbyterian Church of North America:

MY DEAR SISTERS:—

The first of April reminds me that another year of missionary labor is past, and that the annual report is due. I would respectfully report as follows:

During the first three months of the year we had leave of absence to attend the General Assembly, and visit friends in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kansas. The remaining nine months have been fully occupied in missionary work. In our absence services were regularly conducted by Mr. C. H. Walker, then superintendent of the Agency School, or by Miss Black and Rev. J. A. Speer, our Sinemasho missionaries, who then occupied the parsonage here, preparatory to building at their own station. Our Sabbath-school has a membership of about seventy. If we had more efficient teachers it might be larger. The number of such teachers is limited to four. Good work has been done and the teachers have been faithful. The school cannot be kept open more than ten months in the year, as during the Agency School vacation the children are so scattered and distant from the church that it is impossible to secure attendance. Our morning preaching service is through interpreters. Two interpreters seem to be a necessity, owing to the presence of a few Warm Springs Indians who do not understand the Wasco. The time occupied is from one and a half to two hours. After the sermon we frequently give the Indians an opportunity to speak, and are often surprised with the thought expressed, as well as the forcible manner in which it is presented.

In the evening our Young People's Bible Reading Society meets. It has a membership of about thirty-five. The subjects used for these readings are the same as those used by the Y. P. S. C. E. The exercises are conducted by Mrs. Alter and Mrs. Sinkey, the wife of our agent. This is followed by a sermon or a short discourse on the same or a kindred subject to that used by the society.

The attendance on all these meetings is as good as could be reasonably expected. Heretofore the school children were required to attend all the services, now attendance on the morning service is optional, and only a portion of them are present. The deep and long continued snows of this winter have left their ponies in such a condition as to deprive those at a distance of the means of getting to church. The attendance on the weekly prayer-meeting is about as usual. A women's prayer-meeting, held from house to house, is one of the most hopeful and helpful meetings of the church.

Special preaching services were held twice a day during the week of prayer

with encouraging results. The Lord's Supper has been observed three times during the year. As far as possible we have visited and conducted religious services with the sick and others. When visiting the sick we usually try to take them something to eat that to them at least is a delicacy. They are very fond of "the white man's bread," perhaps I should say 'white woman's bread,'—and we get many calls for it. There has been a good deal of sickness during the year. The winter has been long and hard, feed was scarce, and many have lost cattle and ponies. The people have not absolutely starved, but there are many hungry Indians on the Reservation. On what they live I do not know; I think some of them live almost entirely on roots.

Since the last annual report one barrel of clothing has been received. It came from the Young People of the First church, Allegheny. Ten dollars have been received from Mr. J. W. Graham, of De Kalb Co., Iowa, to be used as we might think best; and fifty dollars from the Young People's Society of the Baltimore congregation, to be used in furnishing supplies for the sick. The Sixth church, Pittsburgh, has furnished the Sabbath-school papers for about two years; now they come directly from the publishers, ordered, we suppose, by the Women's Board.

During the year 18 members have been received, one by certificate and seventeen by profession. There have been twelve adults and seven infants baptized. I have married ten couples and attended six funerals. In correcting our roll of membership we find a number of names that should be removed, some of which should not have been on the roll when we came—in all about ten names. This will leave our present membership 107.

The crops on the Reservation were poor. We feel that many persons will not have sufficient seed for the spring sowing, and even if they have, their ponies are so poor that it will be difficult for them to do their seeding.

A Government allotting agent has been here for nearly a year, and many of the Indians have received their allotments. This is the opening wedge for the breaking up of the Reservation system. It may be years, but it is sure to come. The alloting agent has added to the land already alloted for mission purpose here about as much more, making in all perhaps about six acres. To fence this and clear it of sage brush and rock will require an expenditure of perhaps $100, but this is mere guess work, as no estimate has been made.

The following is our yearly financial report:

EXPENDITURES.

Freight on one barrel from the Dalles,	$ 2.00
Replacing logs borrowed for church repairs	23.00
100 feet of hose, with fixtures,	15.75
One case of oil	3.35
2½ gals. of oil	1.37
One broom	.50
One stove for the church	25.00
Freight and warehouse charges on same	6.70
One galvanized iron water tank	70.00
Freight and other charges in bringing it from the Dalles	22.46
For hauling lumber (1983 ft.) from the mill, 19 miles away	11.48
400 lbs. Flour for sick and needy Indians	9.70
Total expenditures	$191.31

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand April 1, 1892	$146.26
Received from J. W. Graham	10.00
Received from the Y. P. S. of Baltimore	50.00
Total	$206.26
Balance on hand April 1st, 1893,	$14.95

I got a heavy galvanized iron water tank, 7 feet in diameter by 8 feet high, and expect to set it on a base 12 feet in height and encase it with saw dust 1½ feet in thickness. By this we hope to keep the water cool in summer, and from freezing in winter. This winter the water in the old tank was frozen for nearly three months, and we had to get our supply by melting snow. The expense will be a good deal yet, as we have to get more lumber, put it up and encase it. Plenty of water is an absolute necessity, not only for house use, but for the irrigation of anything that may grow in the yard.

I have included the $50 received for sick supplies with the rest. The flour is the only thing yet purchased with it. I perhaps should have kept the account separate, but I have no doubt but that the Board will allow me to purchase supplies when needed for the sick, to the amount of $50. If you prefer that the account should be kept separate, please notify me.

Mrs. Alter's work in brief has been:

leading of the Bible Reading society, of the Women's prayer-meeting, leader of the singing in all our meetings, visiting the sick, and from house to house; a weekly meeting to practise singing for church service, as well as an occasional entertainment, which is much enjoyed by the Indians, who are very fond of music. But the greatest burden of all is to receive, counsel and assist, as far as possible, the numerous persons who come to our home for aid in some form or other. 'The poor we have with us always', and to the sympathetic heart there are almost constantly to be heard and seen, tales or scenes of sadness that have a tendency to make the missionary like the Master in at least one respect—a person "of sorrow and acquainted with grief." In our isolated condition we often feel lonely and long for congenial society, or even a letter from those in sympathy with our work, but no doubt duties and responsibilities keep others busy as they do us. We have reason to thank Him whom we serve for health and the preservation of life, having had no serious illness during the year.

With kind regards, and our sincere desire for God's richest blessing on you all, and the good work in which you are engaged, I am,

Your brother in Christ,

JOSEPH ALTER.

Apr. 1, 1893. Warm Springs Mission.

SINEMASHO MISSION.

To the Woman's Board.

DEAR SISTERS:

During this church year now closing my time has been very largely occupied with the erection of our mission buildings. Already this part of the work has been reported quite fully, and not much additional has been done during the winter. Since that report, however, a fence has been put around our allotment of land and some work has been done on the well, at an expense all together of something over $200. This outside work, not only taking a very large portion of my time but often taxing my strength to the utmost, has kept me from engaging in purely mission work to the extent I might otherwise have done. I have preached regularly on Sabbath, morning and evening. At the former service I have used an interpreter, except about a month last summer while the Indians were all gone to the mountains except a few, all of whom understood English.

Miss Black has sometimes conducted a Bible reading which has taken the place of the Sabbath evening sermon. Sabbath-school has been regularly conducted. During the summer when school was closed and Indians were gone, the Government employes who remained, together with our workmen, gave us very pleasant audiences, chiefly of whites, so there was no break in any of our services; except for a time the interpreter was unnecessary. In addition to the Wednesday afternoon prayer-meeting, which is conducted in English, a Wednesday afternoon meeting was held for the benefit of the older Indians and an interpreter was used. For a time these meetings were well attended, and we think with good results. None of our meetings were more satisfactory to me than those held on Wednesday afternoon. When roads were bad, however, they thought they could not attend, and we have closed them for the present. All our meetings have usually been well attended. What the harvest will be we of course do not know. We have not attempted to organize a congregation here as yet. We might have done so, but have thought it best to exercise all the prudence we can in this important matter. Some have asked when we will have a congregation here as they have at Warm Springs, saying they were ready to join the church. After questioning them to learn their motive, I have replied by saying, I want to teach them clearly what it is to be a Christian and live the Christian life, but this need not and should not hinder them from taking Jesus as their Saviour, and when they do take Jesus as their Saviour they are then Christians and are ready to join the church.

While I think a congregation should be organized as soon as it can be done in safety to the cause, I think at the same time we must never forget that our first and chief duty is to bring sinners to the Saviour. I have asked the Oregon presbytery to take the necessary presbyterial steps toward effecting an organ-

ization.

During the spring and summer months I have arranged to devote all my spare time getting out lumber for the Indians, and aiding what I can in the erection of houses for them.

They already have a fine lot of logs at the mill, and I have arranged to commence sawing by the first of April. The Indians give me a share of lumber for sawing. An inspector, who visited this reservation a short time ago, agreed to advise in his report that the Government buy the mill for these Indians. I have also written to the Indian department in Washington on the same subject. In the meanwhile I will do what I can toward providing them with lumber. We still need lumber for fencing and board walks, and will be able to secure it in this way. Since commencing my work in this mission I have received from mission societies six boxes and two barrels of clothing, and also 50 Bibles from the United Presbyterian Board of Publication, for use of mission, together with $212 in cash from societies and individuals to aid in furnishing church and parsonage. This money was used in the purchase of church-bell, lamps, heating stoves, chairs, table, etc. I have married four couples, held services at the funerals of eight persons, and preached six times in the Indian camps. The past winter having been an unusually severe one; we have found it necessary to give out a good deal of charity. The most pitiable looking poor come to the parsonage, usually for something to eat, and friends of the sick ones come saying the sick ones cannot eat the Indian food. We have done what we can, and have the satisfaction of knowing that some who were given up to die are now gaining satisfactorily, since we have been sending rice, eggs, milk, fruit, &c. This is apparently bringing the mission into favor with the Indians, a fact which we note with gratitude. The Master knows how to open the door for us. May He ever give us the means and grace to enter in and occupy in His name.

In closing my report I would say: forty acres of land have been allotted, a small portion of which may become, with irrigation, good farming soil. I feel confident our well, when completed, will furnish an abundant supply of water for irrigating purposes. A water tank and small wind pump will be all that is necessary in addition.

Most of the land, while affording some pasturage, is never likely to be fit for anything else. The allotment has been made and approved by both Commissioner Morgan and the Secretary of the Interior. The allotting agent is ready to furnish me with the proper certificate just as soon as I give him the title of the corporation to whom it shall be certified. Appended please find my financial statement to date. May blessings rest upon your Board. Fraternally yours,

J. A. SPEER.

Have enjoyed the hearty co-operation and efficient assistance in our Sabbath-school work of Mr. Hertzog, superintendent of the Government school, together with his wife and Miss Lister, his assistant teacher. The three taught classes, and aided us greatly in their influence among the children.

Received the following during the past year:

1 barrel, Young Ladies' Mission Band, Wooster, Ohio.

50 Bibles, United Presbyterian Board of Publication.

1 Pulpit Bible, United Presbyterian Board of Publication.

Cash, $11.00, Hebron Ladies Missionary society.

Cash, $10.00, Beaver congregation (by Rev. W. S. Harper.)

Cash, 21.00, Indiana Presbyterial society.

Cash, $7.00, Hanover Ladies' Missionary society.

Cash, $50.00, Ladies Home Missionery society, 1st church, Allegheny.

Cash, $40.00, 1st Church Allegheny, Sabbath-school.

Cash, $5.00, Ladies Missionery society, 9th church Allegheny.

Cash, $15.00, Good Will Mission Band, 1st Church, Allegheny Mission.

Cash, $10.00, Ladies Missionery society, 1st Church, Allegheny Mission.

Box, King's Daughters, 4th Church, Allegheny.

Barrel, Somonauk Ladies Mission society.

Box of canned fruit, Willamette Ladies Missionery society.

This latter was sent to the Mission home for our private use, yet I think it should be mentioned, and besides we have used considerable of it among the sick.

Received Building Funds of Women's Board:

June 8th and Nov. 5, 1892, inclusive, -	$3,825.00
Expended on buildings - - -	3,560.69
Expended on Well and fencing - -	281.34
Total expense during church year -	$3,842.03
Deficit - - - - - - -	17.03
Still on hands for temporary house, received Dec. 18, 1891 - - - - - -	48.00
Balance building funds in my hands -	30.97

This is by all odds the most difficult place I was ever in to keep expenses down to the minimum. These Indians have been taught to expect pay for every trivial act of service, and to decline paying offends them. I could greatly lessen expenses with white help, but this would have a still worse influence. We have succeeded in holding the confidence of the Indians, and hope after awhile we may be able to develop the grace of gratitude, though it seems almost a hopeless undertaking.

For the past year our attendance at church and Sabbath-school has been about the same or a little more than last year. Average church service, 90 to 100; average Sabbath-school, about 70.

NEEDS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Salary for missionary - -	$1,200.00
Salary for Bible reader - - -	600.00
Supplies for sick and needy Indians -	50.00

For Sabbath-school as follows:

5 Copies Bible Teacher, 50 copies Junior Quarterlies, 30 Lesson cards, 45 Youth's Evangelist, 40 Olive Plant.

We also like the Picture lesson illustration. The Women's Board has been sending it during the past year, and we find it quite a help.

J. A. SPEER, Missionary.

SINEMASHO, OREGON,
March 17th, 1893.

WAPINITIA, March 24th, 1893.

To the Women's Board, Pittsburgh, Pa.:

Dear Friends:—It will soon be a year since I began my work, under your care, at Sinemasho. It is right that you should have some report of my work.

The winter has been long and peculiarly trying—snow has covered the ground since about December 20th, 1892. This has obliged us to remain in-doors much more than we wished. There has been a great deal of suffering among the Indians. Some of them are now living chiefly on dried roots. Not a day passes without our feeding some of them. There are some sick, these we have been caring for as best we could. A friend gave me five dollars to do with as I deemed best. To this I added five more and procured rice, tea, coffee, &c. for my old, and some sick. This amount is very small among so much helplessness and starvation. I have visited a little, and as soon as the mud is gone, that I can go, will do more. The L. M. Society of the First church, Allegheny, sent me some nice new marial for sewing. Already I have given out some of it where the women were widows and had little children. I am now making clothes for my two old women; I do not remember whether I told you about them. One is entirely blind, the other helpless from paralysis—can use one hand. I clothed them early in the winter out of our own clothes and carried them food until the son, an Indian doctor, returned from the mountains. I find now their clothes were stolen, and they are naked except a few pieces of a ragged quilt. He is the worst Indian I have met. He is gone again, and I cannot rest or sleep if I know they are starving. Doing a little here and there among the sick and the old, visiting the children in the Government school, who are always glad to see us, entertaining them here occasionally, are some of the ways I am gaining an influence among them. A few of the women have consented to come and sew. They, however, have no material and no means to get any. "The Kings Daughters" of the Fourth church, Allegheny, sent me a small box. It only arrived yesterday, but I shall use the goods as fast as needed. After the holidays I attempted to study the Warm Springs language. I thought if I could only talk a little to the poor women, it would please them and help me. As they do not have any written language it is no easy task I have undertaken. I succeeded even beyond my hopes, but my nice Indian girl who was teaching me took sick, and when a little better went home. I am afraid she will not be able to come back, and I have not found another yet. I teach the larger girls and all the women who will come into our class on Sabbath. I usually take charge of one service on Sabbath; either the Sabbath-school, or the evening meeting for the young people. At the beginning of this quarter I offered a handsome card to all who would learn the golden texts for the quarter. As next Sabbath will be Review Day, I expect to give out 30 cards to those who have committed all, and as many more smaller ones to those who have learned a part of them. I feel quite proud of this, as they never committed anything before. We have prayer-meeting for the school

children on Wednesday evening, and for a few days on the afternoon of the same day, for the older Indians. I had hoped to get the women out to these meetings. They did come, but the weather has been too severe. We hope to resume these meetings when the spring opens.

Hoping you may realize more than your fondest hopes anticipate, and that the Lord may prosper you all in the work of your hand, and with love and kind wishes I am

Yours very sincerely,
ELIZA H. BLACK.

RECOMMENDATION OF PRESBYTERY CONCERNING ESTIMATES FOR ENSUING YEAR.

ALBANY, April 22, 1893.

My Dear Mrs. Campbell, Allegheny, Pa.:

I enclose for your information, the reports of brothers Alter and Speer. You will see the work among the Indians has made some progress, and also the need of prosecuting the work. The expenditures of the Board during the last two years has been very heavy, but the outlay for improvements is nearly over, and the mission is well furnished. I am instructed by the presbytery to ask the Board for $1,200 each for Revs. Joseph Alter and J. A. Speer; $600 for Miss Eliza Black; $200 for an assistant to Mrs. Alter, and $100 to purchase supplies for the sick and needy Indians for the coming year; or $3,300 in all.

There are some other expenses that will probably have to be provided for, but the above are the estimates sent in. I call your attention to the S. S. supplies called for by the brethren, and recommend favorable action by the Board.

Praying that you may have abundant blessings on your work everywhere, I remain, Your Brother in Christ,
T. J. WILSON, S. M.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1893.

Balance 1892,		$ 6503.94
Receipts,		3208.55
		$ 9712.49
Disbursements,		7602.97
Balance,		$ 2109.52

Women's Home Missions.

As you are all aware, our Special Home Mission work is the supporting of women as missionaries in special fields. Our energetic, ~~consecrated~~ Miss Johnston, who has rendered such faithful service in South Omaha, resigned in January last. Another mission field was offered to her, which she declined as she had a previous engagement to assist in the establishment of a Christian home. The best wishes of the Women's Board and of Allegheny Presbyterial society, accompany Mr. and Mrs. Westerfield as they start out on the journey of life together. The following is a brief *resume* of Miss Johnston's work in South Omaha:

RED PARK, IOWA, April 5th, 1893.

DEAR SISTERS:

I find it a little hard to comply with Mrs. Campbell's request that I shall give a resume of my work in South Omaha, for the reason that much of the material needed for a full report I have not with me here, which I have left in South Omaha. My work there ceased January 22nd, 1893, so that a full report covers a period of two years and four months. During that time your missionary made about 1900 calls in the homes of the people, attended the regular meetings of the congregation with few exceptions,—these consisting of the weekly prayer-meeting, a monthly missionary meeting, a weekly meeting of the mission Band, and the Sabbath services, which are Sabbath-school, Young People's prayer-meeting, and the two preaching services. She was absent one month for a vacation, and with this exception has missed two Sabbath services, once on account of sickness, and once being absent from the city. Many cottage prayer-meetings have been attended, sick visited and waited on, literature distributed, and work of different kinds carried on. A change in the work has of course taken place during this time. At the time your society sent a missionary to South Omaha there was no organization there, and work had been for a time abandoned. About seven members were living in the city. Some of these have since removed from the city, but a congregation has been organized which at the present time has a membership of thirty-six. For almost two years the incidental expenses have been borne entirely by the congregation, and for the past year $300 of the pastor's salary has been contributed by

members. A good Sabbath-school has been kept up, and all branches of church work seem to be well organized. A good chapel neatly furnished has been secured and paid for; the Boards of the church have not been forgotten, and for one year the congregation has rejoiced in having a faithful pastor and his wife to work among them. Rev. J. L. Ross was sent by the Home Board to South Omaha, April, 1892, at about the time I sent my last report to you. Since his coming, twenty members have been received, two elders ordained, and five trustees elected, thus completing the organization. One hundred and seventy-five have been enrolled in the Sabbath-school since. I am unable to give the average attendance, but it has varied from forty-five to seventy-five. From forty to sixty are usually present at the preaching service. From May until January the calls made by your missionary numbered about four hundred, and the work done was much the same as in previous months.

The outlook for South Omaha is now a favorable one, and we hope in time to see a self-supporting congregation there.

Respectfully,
LIZZIE W. JOHNSTON.

Our second woman worker in the Home Mission field was Miss Elsie Williamson, who was sent to Indianapolis, Indiana, in March, 1892. After a very pleasant and profitable service of several months she resigned because an elder in a distant church felt that he needed her to engage in special "home" work for and with him. She therefore resigned in September, 1892, and we hope has realized to the full all the happiness which the members of our Board wished for her. At the request of the Session of First church, Miss Lyde A. McCool was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Williamson's resignation, and began her labors on Sept. 15, 1892. The following report gives a brief statement of the work since its beginning:

REPORT OF CITY MISSION WORK DONE IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, FROM MARCH 15, 1892, TO APRIL 20, 1893.

To The Women's General Missionary Society:

Dear Sisters:—In December, 1891, the Session of the First Church made application, through the presbytery to the Women's Board for a lady missionary to labor in this city, for the purpose of establishing a new mission station. All of the members of presbytery having endorsed the application, and the Board of Home Missions concurring, the Women's Board decided to begin work in this city, and appointed Miss Elsie W. Williamson as missionary. She accepted the appointment, and began work March 15th, 1892. The field selected by the Session is in the north eastern part of the city, one mile from the First church, and three-fourths of a mile from any other church. In this field there is a population of from 6,000 to 7,000, with no religious service except our own; some of course are members of other churches, but about 65 per cent. have no regular place of worship. The people are intelligent and enterprising. They represent the various trades and business known to a large city. On the last Sabbath of March, 1892, the evening services of the First church were transfered to the hall, and the pastor preached to an audience of 68, from the text, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Services were held every Sabbath evening until the first of July, when, on account of the impaired health of the pastor, there was no preaching until September. Having secured the use of the hall for the Sabbath-school, on the first Sabbath of July, it was accordingly organized, the Session having appointed Miss Williamson as superintendent, and three teachers. A teachers' meeting was organized the same day, meeting immediately after the close of the Sabbath-school.

The day the school was organized there were 36 persons present, and on September 11th, the last day Miss Williamson was officially connected with the school, ten weeks, there were 64. There were 100 enrolled at that time, August 7th. A junior Young People's society was organized with 13 members. From the beginning of the work, March 15th, a good impression was made in the community, and the missionary who had gone from house to house in the interest of the preaching services and the Sabbath-school—and all connected with

the work—were cordially received. On account of a previous engagement, which has since been fulfilled, Miss Williamson resigned September 15th, having gained the love and good will of all connected with the work. On the request of the Session, the Board appointed Miss Lyde A. McCool to take her place, who entered upon her work Sept. 15th, and is still in the field. Rev. J. P. Cowan was released from the pastoral charge of the First church October 7th. The services in the hall were continued by supplies appointed by presbytery. At a called meeting of presbytery, November 9th, an organization was asked for and granted to the friends of the new mission who wished the work to be continued in the field. The congregation was organized by Rev. G. I. Gordon and Session, the evening of November 21st, with 33 members. It has since been known as the Second, or Clifford Avenue United Presbyterian church. Four elders and five trustees were elected, and also a Women's Advisory Board, whose duty it shall be to consult and advise with the Session and trustees as to all the interests of the work. The congregation immediately asked for Rev. J. P. Cowan as stated supply. Services were held both morning and evening in the hall. We have at present a membership of 45, five having been added on profession of faith and seven by letter. There has also been a manifest increase in interest and spirituality. Our morning attendance has averaged over 40. Our evening attendance has averaged about 65, running up sometimes to seventy-five, eighty, ninety, and one evening as high as one hundred and sixty-five. November 23rd, a Women's Missionary society and Social circle was organized, which at the present time has 30 members. The members meet every Friday afternoon. On the second Friday of each month a missionary program is carried out, and on the other afternoons they sew, quilt, or do any work in connection with the reading room or hall which they find awaiting them. A Junior missionary society was organized March 25th; they have held but one meeting since the organization. All seem much interested. Our first prayer-meeting was held Thursday evening, February 16th, and has been continued every Thursday evening since. We were compelled to delay these meetings on account of not being able to secure a suitable place in which to meet, the main hall being used for other meetings beside those of the church. In January we succeeded in securing the entire control of a small room in connection with the hall.

By the great kindness of the W. M. S. of the First church, Allegheny, Pa., in sending us a donation of money, and other friends giving gifts, we were enabled to fit the room up into a very pleasant place for meetings. A neat matting on the floor, curtains on the windows, and a little paint, transformed it wonderfully. We have also opened a reading room here for the young people, which we feel is one of the most satisfactory parts of our work. As an educator in many lines it has no equal. We are able here to teach lessons of neatness, cleanliness and order, which we cannot do on the Sabbath. Our books, magazines, papers and games have all been donated one box coming from Argyle, N. Y. The Sabbath-school has gradually increased. We have enrolled 250 names since July 1st. The present enrollment is 190 scholars and 12 teachers and officers. The highest number present any one day was 150, March 26th. The lowest 31, on July 31st. Only five times has the attendance fallen below 100 since we first reached that number, October 18th. The Young People's Society has now 30 members. About 700 calls were made by Miss Williamson, and 750 by the present missionary. The first of this month, through the kindness of a friend, the congregation was enabled to secure a beautiful lot on Woodruff ave., on which at some time they hope to erect a house of worship. The community seems very much pleased at the thought that there will soon be a church building in their midst. Thus God has blessed us in all our work, and we pray "He may bless us still."

Very truly,
LYDE A. MCCOOL.
Indianapolis, Indiana, April 20, 1892.

Our third woman to enter the Home Mission field is Miss Nina J. Murray, a

graduate of the Chicago Training School of Biblical Knowledge. She comes to us very highly reommended by several pastors in our own church, the faculty of her college, and the instructors and workers in the Chicago Training School. We feel that we have been particularly fortunate in securing a consecrated woman, with such especial qualifications, for our new work in Sioux City, Iowa. Rev. J. A. McKirahan has been placed in charge of the work, with Miss Murray as his assistant. Most all of you know the steps necessary to be taken in securing the services of a woman missionary, but for the benefit of those who are attending *their first* General Missionary Society Convention, I will give you a brief statement of the formalities observed in the case of Sioux City.

The following paper was read and favorably referred to the Home Mission Board at our monthly meeting in November, 1892.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, Oct. 22, 1892.

To the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church:

We, the undersigned, interested in the success of the mission in our city, and realizing the need of vigorous work being done from the first, earnestly and respectfully petition you to provide a city missionary to labor with the missionary appointed by the Board of Home Missions, in connection with the special mission of Sioux City.

Signed by ten persons. Endorsed by the Presbytery of Northwestern Iowa, October 26th, 1892.

C. L. MCCRACKEN, S. C.

Endorsed by Women's Presbyterial Association of Northwestern Iowa, October 26th, 1892.

MRS. H. J. MCLEAN, Sec'y.

The Home Board, after careful consideration, recommended the sending of a woman missionary to assist Mr. McKirahan, and Miss Murray began her work in Sioux City on February 5th, 1893. The following will give a faint idea of her work thus far:

1385 Summit Ave., Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Campbell:—I gladly comply with your request to give an account of the work done in our Sioux City mission. Aside from those in connection with our mission, in all the calls I have made so far, have found but one family who ever heard before of the United Presbyterian church. People cannot understand why we want to establish a United Presbyterian church here where there are already *four Presbyterian* churches. They seem to lose sight of the fact that every congregation exists for some purpose, i. e. to win souls for Christ. The difference between the two churches is frequently asked me. Many regard the difference as insignificant. This is one drawback to our work.

I have met those who have vague ideas of the work of a city missionary and of her methods of reaching the people. One lady mentioned to me having seen in the paper I was here as such, and said she wondered at the time what in the world Sioux City needed of a city missionary, and came to the conclusion I would not stay long for lack of employment. She herself is not a Christian—has resided in the city ten years, and during that time attended church only occasionally.

Easter Sabbath we had to worship with us six strangers, who had been invited the previous week to attend. After service the gentleman of one family had me explain to him in detail how I found out they didn't attend church.

Of the 40,000 inhabitants, it is estimated but one-fourth are connected with the different churches of the city. Sioux City people are not noted for their spirituality. They are so engrossed with their temporal affairs as to seemingly forget to look out for their spiritual welfare. This is a rapidly growing western city, and affords every opportunity for anyone wishing to engage in any business whatever. Every indication is that the city will continue to grow, and with such advantages as it affords, some of our own people will undoubtedly be attracted to this place.

It is to be taken into consideration no one in the city asked for our church here. What members we have are not influential—*none* are property holders. All are certainly to be commended though, for their earnestness for our cause here and their liberality in giving.

April 7th a Thank-offering social was held under the management of the L. M. S. After the program, free-will offerings

were made which amounted to nearly $10.00. When all the mite boxes are handed in this sum will be increased.

Since beginning my work here have made 185 calls. I have been received with kindness and cordiality in many of these homes. Some have responded to the invitation given; others have not, but I have faith to believe that many of the promises made to me will be kept. The indifference of the people is hard to overcome, but upon better acquaintance trust that we may be guided in such manner as to interest those who now seem so indifferent. During February and March the average attendance at morning service has been *twenty*; in the Sabbath-school *seventeen*. The two Sabbaths of this month we have been greatly encouraged by having larger audiences than ever before at any time.

Having no weekly prayer-meeting, the women of the congregation have decided that each Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock we will pray for the success of our work here. We feel that our prayers are already being answered. We have had much of late to be thankful for. Mr. and Mrs. McKirahan were well chosen for such a place as this. Both are full of faith, and not the ones to give up what they have undertaken to do. We trust that we have your sympathy and prayers. May we all remember that the work is the Lord's, and that it will be accomplished "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Yours in the Master's service,

April 10th, 1893. NINA MURRAY.

That we may gather as much information as possible of the work done by women as missionaries in our church, we append the following:

OMAHA, NEB., May 16, 1893.

MRS. H. C. CAMPBELL:

DEAR MADAM:

Although not being employed by the Woman's Board, I thought it might be of interest to learn of my work during the past year.

The Sabbath-school officers and teachers and Women's Missionary Society of the First U. P. church of this city, feeling the need of house to house visitation in the vicinity of the church, employed me, a year ago, to devote three afternoons of each week in doing such work.

We have truly a mission field at our very doors, for it is not an unusual thing to meet persons who, upon being asked if they attend church, make a remark something like this: "I used to attend church and Sabbath-school regularily while living in ———, but have not been inside of a church since moving to Omaha, five years ago." I am glad to be able to say that many such persons have, after repeated invitations, been induced, not only to *come* to church, but several have made an open confession of Christ by *uniting* with the church.

During the year I have made six hundred and nineteen calls, and with but two or three exceptions have been very kindly received. Through the influence of these visits, many have been brought into our Sabbath-school, and nine of them have united with the church.

I have distributed clothing, donated by members of the congregation, thus enabling many children to attend Sabbath-school who otherwise would have been deprived of that privelege. In some cases where the mothers were not able to make over the garments for the children, the ladies of our Missionary Society have done the work for them.

In a number of homes I distribute church and Sabbath-school papers each week, and in some instances where the members of the family cannot be prevailed upon to attend church or Sabbath-school, I find that they are eager for the roll of papers which I take to them. It is to be hoped that the good seed sown in this way may bring forth fruit in due season.

Yours truly

ADA M. COOKE.

1918 Emmet St.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF HOME MISSION FUND, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1893.

Balance, 1892,	$ 6,114 72
Receipts,	6,040 09
Total,	$12,154 81
Disbursements,	2,323 38
Balance,	9,831 43

Sixteen young women have applied for positions in the Home field. We would be glad to place them all at work, had we the means, but even then would not send any anywhere until appointment had been first approved by presbytery and Home Mission Board.

The following societies signified their

willingness to send boxes to Home missionaries, or to the families of disabled or deceased ministers.

Home Missionary Society First church, Allegheny, Pa.
L. M. S., Caledonia, New York.
" " Central church, Omaha, Neb.
" " Greenfield, Ohio.
" " Cherry Fork, Ohio.
" " Wooster, Ohio.
" " Martin, Michigan.
" " Pine Bush, New York.
" " Espyville, Pa.
Aid Society Second church, Allegheny, Pa.

All the boxes sent by the above societies contained articles which the donors felt that they would gladly receive if the position were reversed. Very many were new articles, or new goods, such as table linen, bedding and dress goods, which could be made up more satisfactorily by the recipients than by the generous givers.

Any one knowing at any time of any person or persons to whom such gifts would be of service, will confer a great favor by sending names and addresses to the Home Mission Secretary of Women's Board.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF WORK.

Receipts, - - -	$ 437 55
Disbursements, - -	15 00
Balance, - - -	$422 55

The Symposium on Home Missions which was to have been conducted by Mrs. T. Howard Smith, of Denver, but who was detained at home by illness, was ably conducted by Mrs. Anna M. Cowan, of Indianapolis, whose paper was followed by short addresses by Mrs. Rush Patton, of Greeley, Colorado; Miss Nina Murray, of Sioux City; Mrs. Cox, of Rushville, Neb.; Miss McAra, of Omaha, Neb., and Mrs. Albert Gordon, of Alliance, Neb.

Home Mission Symposium.

The Home Mission Symposium hour has arrived. In the absence of Mrs. Smith, of Denver, Col., last night the President appointed me to preside. We are disappointed, but the meeting will be thrown open to you who have been in the Home Mission fields; we know your practical talks will make the hour a very profitable one.

It is a significant fact that what is usually written or spoken on Home missions has, to a large extent, been along the line of general principles rather than practical work.

What are Home missions? and how is the work accomplished? are questions worthy of our best thought and effort. Our friends in the foreign field write of their work in detail; they tell us "all about it," and then they come to the General Assembly, the Synods, the Presbyteries and the congregation and repeat the same story, so the church is better acquainted with the foreign work than with the work at home. The brethern in the foreign field believe in letting their light shine; all honor to them, and let them continue in the same way. It is practical, it is the way of common sense, it is the way to success. Can not the Home missionary do the same thing?

Not so readily, nor so well. First—Because of the enchantment which distance lends to the foreign work. Second—Because a statement in regard to the work in a certain place may be regarded as personal. Third.—Because of a prejudice against any one who may in a modest manner tell what he or she has done in a city or village only fifty miles distant from home. "A prophet is not without honor, but in his own country and among his own kin, and in his own house," (Mark, 6:4.)

But a change is coming slowly. Great facts confront us, and great questions demand an answer. If the fathers and mothers of fifty years ago could return to the world, they would not know their own grand children, neither would they know their own church. The solemn and dignified minister, the *long* explanation of the psalm, the "lining out" of the same, the *long*, *long* prayer, and the proportionately long sermon, are not here; they belong to the past. In the records of fifty years ago, I find an account of two missionary societies devoted exclusively to foreign missions, and I have heard of a "female prayer-meeting," but the *church* in *general*, and the *women* in *particular*, had little knowledge of or interest in them.

I think the writer is mistaken

The Board of Home Missions and the Board of Church Extension are of comparatively recent date; their first secretaries are alive and *active*. Twenty years ago these Boards had barely touched the west bank of the Missouri river. Less than twenty-years ago, in the city of Des Moines, I received from the hand of the dying young girl, Mary Thayer, three dollars, (all she had,) in testimony of her love for Christ, to help build the foundation of the First church, Omaha, in whose fair temple we are now assembled.

Thirteen years ago the Gen'l Assembly adopted the plan of *special missions*. This established confidence in the work in difficult fields; it called to these fields capable men; it was a permanent policy, and gave to the missionary the moral support of the Boards as well as the Presbytery.

Nine years ago the Board of Church Extension loaned the money to build the first parsonage under the present system of building parsonages. So far as I know this system has given general satisfaction.

Three years ago, the Home Mission convention met in Monmouth, and as a direct result of that convention, we have the new Home Mission system.

These Boards have accomplished a great deal of work in a short time; all honor to them. The Home Board has given aid to *more* than *one-half* the congregations of the whole church. The Board of Church Extension has helped to build more than one third of the churches of the denomination. New fields have been occupied in different parts of the church, which have produced much fruit and promise much more. *Ten years ago* the Women's General Missionary Society was organized, and her Board eight years ago. She is not yet in her "teens." Short skirts become this daughter of the King, but we are proud of her, not only for what she is, but for what we hope she will be.

"More fair than sons of men
Grace in her lips doth flow."

Her mission is *mission work*. Apart from this she has no mission. The doors of her temples, like the gates of Castle Garden, must swing outward, not be closed day or night. She must be about her father's business. She is, however, subject to conditions. God will do His part, and she must do her part. We are laborers together with God. The Young People's movement in its present form is scarcely twelve years old. The fifth annual meeting of our Young Peoples Christian Union will be held in St. Louis next week. With the enthusiasm of youth and devotion to the cause they represent, we hope for wonderful results in the coming years. Our forces are only getting ready for action. What we have seen and experienced are the skirmish lines of the real battle.

First of all, we must know *our relation to the field*. We can not occupy the whole field from ocean to ocean, from the lakes to the gulf; hence the places which promise the greatest results should be occupied. We want the *wisdom* and *courage* to let some places alone. If, for instance, by common consent of all the foreign Boards, Egypt is given exclusively to the United Presbyterian church, because of pre-occupancy and successful work, may we not learn wisdom?

As to what we ought to do. *Experience* is a great teacher. If the church in her desire to widen the field went into Dakota and returned silently with crape on her banner; or if the "rain belt" of Kansas was once dotted with little companies of United Presbyterians, and these are known only in history, would it not be wise to let our judgment control our enthusiasm? On the other hand we want wisdom and courage to occupy certain places at the proper time. The Presbytery of Minnesota is no longer on the roll of the Assembly because an effort was made to build up the churches in the country, and the city of Minneapolis was left unoccupied. Many of the substantial members of other churches in that city were once members of the United Presbyterian church. Prompt and decisive work will accomplish much when delay means to surrender to other denominations who will profit by our slowness and folly.

Second, notice *our relation to the other Boards*. The Assembly of 1892 appointed the Women's Board, and the officers of the Assembly's committee, to report to this society and to the Assembly, defining the relation of this society to the Boards and the Assembly. Nothing

more important will engage the attention of the society than this report. A broad and generous policy will stimulate the thought and the devotion of the women interested, and call forth undeveloped resources. The report and our action on it, and also the action of the Assembly, will mark our rate of progress for years to come. We anxiously wait the result.

In this connection, permit a suggestion. The secretaries and treasurer of the Board, and also the editors of our MISSIONARY MAGAZINE, have faithfully discharged their respective duties without cost to the General Society. It seems to me they should receive from us sufficient salary, to *at least* cover their expenses. This would be doing unto others as we would wish them to do unto us.

Third, notice the workers in the home field. The church has recognized the necessity of selecting special persons for special work. The success of recent years is due largely to this fact. Men who are not only acceptable preachers, but whose judgment and business qualifications are good, have been selected. They must have *grace*, *courage* and *perseverance*. They are not in the home field because they would not be efficient in the foreign field, or in the pulpits of the well established congregations of the church, but because they have given themselves to the work. As a *class* they do more work, receive less pay, and make less complaints, than any other class of men. They must know the work in detail, look after the janitor—often act as janitor, be the lackey at the socials, counsel with the trustees and missionary society, be always prepared for the week night prayer-meeting, teach in the Sabbath-school, preach twice on the Sabbath, help with or lead the singing, know everybody and carry the burdens and sorrows of every body.

These men know something of the meaning of their Lord when he said, "I am among you as he that serveth". Our Women's Board has acted wisely in appointing women as missionaries. The request of many congregations at the late meetings of Presbyteries are the evidence. San Jose, Second San Francisco, Spokane, Third St Louis, are of this number. South Omaha, Sioux City and the Second church, Indianapolis, have already been favored in this regard, I wish every home mission station had one of these devoted missionaries to assist the pastor or the stated supply, and I hope, in the near future, the congregational societies will contribute to the support of these missionaries the same as they do to those in the foreign field. I must not take the time to tell all I wish. We want to hear from many on this subject. Every time we have knocked at the door of missions with determination in the home and foreign fields, *God has opened the door.*

The time to favor Zion has come. In the name of our God we can display our banner. What more can we do? Are there any not interested whom we can interest? Are there fields waiting our coming? Many of you may remember that eight years ago I strongly advocated church building as *mission work*, and this afternoon I will do the same thing, and will present a memorial asking for the building of churches for *mission congregations*. Can we not build *churches* as well as *parsonages*? Would it not be as acceptable to God to build a house for Him to dwell in as to build one for his minister? God has already given more than we asked. Ten years ago if some prophetess of the Lord had told us that our tenth anniversary would reveal to our eyes what we have seen, and to our ears what we have heard, we would have told her "that she prophesied falsely." Shall we put a limit on the love and power of "the Father, our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named?" Or shall we not rather trust his love and look for greater things? In the ten years to come God will perhaps, reveal even this.

"Because of life the fountain pure
Remains alone with thee;
And in that purest light of thine,
We clearly light shall see" Ps—36:8.

Many home mission congregations are composed of people from all parts of the country and the world. There are dark sides to the work, but of the *character* of the field others may speak. There is a *bright* side to the picture, however dark it may be painted. God always watches above his own. He has a reserve force among his people, even as in the days of Elijah. Neither cold, nor heat, nor care,

nor burdens, nor persecutions will prevent them from being in their places on the Sabbath and doing their duty during the week. They give their strength and their money almost beyond their power. This they do, because they have first given themselves to the Lord—heart, mind, soul and body. They have the charity described by the apostle—" Charity that suffereth long and is kind; charity envieth not itself, is not puffed up; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, *endureth* all things." But for these faithful workers the missionary and his wife would utterly fail. If God renders to every man according to his faith and work in the day of final account, some who have toiled in the home field *unknown* to the church, much less to the world, will shine as the brightness of the firmament and the stars forever and ever.

In conclusion: as today we look upon this work in all its length and breadth, what it costs the church, and those who are personally engaged in it, does it pay? Let history answer. Read the story of Dr. Guthrie, especially the account of the work in the schools of Edinburgh. He went into the blocks or flats of that city when the people were living like beasts, talked and prayed when at times he had to defend himself by force. The result was a marvelous reformation took place. Read the "Strange Tales of London" or the work of the Salvation Army in that city, or the story of the McCall missions in Paris, or the work of the "Five Points of New York," or of the work in all places in our own land where an effort has been made to heal the sick, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to purify the unclean, to bind up the broken hearted, to give comfort to the sorrowing,—and you will learn that the gospel has proved to be the power of God. It is a work of faith, of hope, and of love. The old prophets stood in the darkness of midnight and they saw the dawn of the morning. We stand in the dawn of the morning, and we see "the glory of the coming of the Lord." We see in our own land even more than our Lord saw while here on earth. It is said of Him, in Luke 4:16–21.

V. 16.—"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

V. 17.—"And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

V. 18.—"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath annointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

V. 19.—"To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

V. 20.—"And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all of them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

N. 21.—"And he began to say unto them, This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears."

MRS. J. P. COWAN,
Indianapolis, Ind.

A paper, written by Mrs. Joseph Alter, missionary to Warm Springs Indians, of Oregon, was read by Miss Etta L. Clark, of Allegheny, Pa.; also a paper by Mrs. W. A. Spaulding, of Spokane, Washington, was read by Mrs. W. W. Bryson, of Xenia, Ohio. These able papers contributed greatly to this service, containing, as they both did, accounts of the methods of work and of the encouragements and discouragemcnts to be met with in this particular branch of the work.

Warm Springs Indian Mission.

To the Woman's General Missionary Society, assembled in Convention at Omaha, Nebraska.

May the beauty of the Lord our God be upon you, and may *He* establish the work of your hands. It has been the expressed desire of your president that some one fresh from the Indian work might address you in person. This invitation has been regretfully declined, and instead I ask your presence with us, in imagination, while you listen to a brief description of our people at home.

Three days' ride from Omaha brings us to The Dalles, Oregon, the end of our journey on the cars, and a long dreary stretch of eighty miles staging is before us. On the second day of our stage ride we pass through Sino-masho, on the northern part of the reservation, where the Warm Springs Indians are located, and where we find Mr. Speer's cozy mission quarters—a veritable oasis in the desert in more than one sense. The Indians here live generally in tents or teepees, in a semi-barbarous state; and a view of the interior of one of these

wretched abodes seems to justify them in *their* assertion that they cannot become Christian until they have houses to live in.

Once in visiting a sick woman among them, we found her in a miserable tent, so patched and worn that it scarcely covered the poles supporting it. The smoke from the fire in the center of the tent was finding its way out through the various rents and openings. A blanketed Indian lay stretched out at full length eating his supper. He tossed back a mass of long hair from his face and grunted us a welcome. The sick woman was lying on a mat on the ground, very ill indeed. After much persuasion a reluctant consent was given to have the department physician visit her. A few moments later, as we were returning, a boy overtook us, saying the woman was better and the doctor was not wanted. The latter part of his statement was true at least. They are all more or less under the power of their medicine men, who practice the most barbarous witchcraft. They stand in the way of our own doctor's practice, and are one of the greatest hindrances to Christian progress. But the leaves of the Tree of Life are falling about this degraded, misguided race. Will they be healed?

Twenty miles farther south and we are at the *Warm Springs Agency*, our home among the Wascos. These two missions are located on a reservation thirty by forty miles in area. High bluffs everywhere, capped with grey rim rock, look grimly down upon sage-brush, which seems to stretch away before the eye interminably. This with the dry, rocky soil makes successful farming an impossibility. The Indians struggle against these difficulties, with their poor little ponies unequal to the task, and with hope deferred in their hearts. As a result, instead of broad fields under cultivation we find a pitifully small amount of grain, no larger, in many cases, than some of our eastern gardens. Years ago they were defrauded of their Columbia fisheries—theirs by treaty—by an unprincipled white man, and now they are but grudgingly permitted to gather the salmon heads thrown away at the canning factory; and the Department, in the press of more important duties or for political reasons has shelved their petitions for redress.. There are Indians around us to-day subsisting chiefly upon roots, while the Columbia flows on bearing on its waters tons of the tantalizing salmon, not one of which they are allowed to touch. Their ponies and cattle crop the scanty bunch grass growing at the roots of the sage brush, in winter digging it clear of snow, or if unequal to this task, huddling together to await either starvation or the welcome *chinook wind*, in whose wake the snow disappears as by magic. These ponies often remind me of the Indian women; their patient, dejected air, the pathetic droop of the head and shoulders, bespeak alike hard lines and colorless lives.

About eighty of our Wascos and Warm Springs Indians were notable scouts during the Modoc war, when they distinguished themselves by bravery and faithful service to the white man. For this they receive nothing from the government. The homes of the Wascos, though scattered, are a little better than their Warm Springs neighbors, and a majority of our church members belong to this tribe. Some of them attend church faithfully from a distance of eight and fourteen miles, and, being nearer the agency than those at Sinemasho, they have imbibed, in a slight degree, the benefits of civilization. Knock for admittance at one their doors, a voice within will respond in English, though few of them converse in our language. Once inside the door there might be no sign of recognition except the customary grunt of the master of the house. You would perhaps find the woman seated on a mat busy with some kind of buckskin needle-work. She does not raise her eyes, but if you sit down beside her she will respond pleasantly but shyly to your questions and interest concerning her work. Her dress is made of the smallest amount of calico possible. I would not venture to say how many dresses she might be able to cut for herself from one of her white sisters' as they are now worn. One of the "Arrow Heads" in the "Indian's Friend" makes this telling shot: "If the Carlisle girl graduate must go back to the blanket, or forward to the crinoline, it is a desperate state of things." One thing I know—she would wear the blanket far more gracefully than she would the much

discussed article in question.

Gaudy advertisements often decorate the walls of these houses. They have a child's love for pictures, and these cards, many of them lewd and indecent, can be procured, alas! for the asking. Perhaps a solemn-eyed baby, strapped to a board with its gay trappings of buckskin and beads, leans against the wall. Bedsteads are not generally used; a roll of skins and impossible looking quilts make the nightly resting place. As these houses have frequently but one room, the entire family, besides chance visitors, all occupy the samc apartment. They usually eat from a mat spread on the floor, and on one occasion I saw an Indian leisurely eating his breakfast within convenient reach of his bed, from which he had not yet risen.

The home lives of these people are improving so slowly that it is scarcely perceptible. Although the mission and agency have been established here for years, civilization has penetrated but few of the home circles. They note the difference in the white woman's home, sometimes wistfully, but old customs and lack of practical knowledge fetter them to the barbarous state with unerring fatality. In these homes the little ones remain during what is regarded as the most impressionable years of their lives, previous to entering the reservation schools. Here the young men and women return, graduates often of a training school, for a time resisting the influences of their surroundings, but frequently relapsing into the ways of their elders, and the last state of them is worse than the first. Such has been the *actual* condition of a number of our returned pupils. The Department is slowly waking up to the fact that civilization must *radiate* from the home centers, in the lives of the *mothers*, and several field matrons have been sent out to different reservations as an experiment.

These matrons, women qualified for the work, have their houses centrally located. They visit the Indian homes, teaching the women how to make the most of the resources at their command, showing them how to cook, cleanse and make their cabins abodes of light and neatness, giving them a realizing sense of the *comfort* of cleanliness, uplifting and encouraging the timid and disheartened; in a word, striking off the shackles that have bound this poor people—lo, these many years. This work should go hand in hand with that of the missionary. Then, and only then, can we have them ready to meet and mingle in the current of civilized life with all its tendencies for good and evil. We have on this reservation three tribes, or parts of tribes, numbering about nine-hundred, and we need at least three field matrons to begin work at once. Isolated as we are from advantages common to many other tribes, the call is urgent. Will not our friends present this matter for us to the Department, or Indian Right's Association?

But amid the darkness of sin and superstition, the light of the gospel is penetrating, and in many of these homes of squalor and want the voice of prayer and praise ascends like sweet incense. At no other time does the Spirit's presence seem nearer than when in these lowly homes the Christian women gather about me for prayer. What if a doubtful looking roll of skins serves for a chair? What if the light struggles dimly through a grimy window? We have the Saviour's promise, and presence with us, and the room becomes glorified—a house of prayer and a gate to Heaven.

Our time is too limited to give a description of the third tribe—a portion of the Piute or Snake Indians. Their condition is that of abject poverty and heathenism. Located as they are at a distance from the mission, frequent visits to them have so far been impossible, but we feel that they must be reached if we would be true to our trust.

Hoping that this may give a more definite idea of the size and condition of our field of labor,

Yours in Christian work,

JEANNETTE C. ALTER,

April 25. Warm Springs, Oregon.

Home Missions in the Far West.

Spokane, Washington, May, 1893.

In trying to present the actual work of the Home missionay in this far off western fieid we appreciate the difficulties. So many, in their thoughts at least, regard our work as of the same character as that of the servants who have obeyed

the call and have taken the glad news of salvation to the heathen, in heathen lands. But the work of the Home missionary is exactly of the same character as that of the pastor of an established congregation, with this exception, that when the work is in its infancy, the missionary generally has added to his duties of pastor, those of janitor, chorister, Sabbath-school superintendent, trustee, &c. Whenever a patent method for carrying on the work in an established congregation shall have been found, then, and not till then, can one method be used for doing work in all our mission stations.

In our own presbytery of Spokane, consisting of three congregations, each missionary is supposed to use all the tact and wisdom attainable to make the work successful, and yet you would find encouragements and discouragements in each station peculiar to itself.

When Rev. Hays and wife came to Waitsburg, he discovered that if he would grow a congregation and do successful mission work he must establish a school that would bear something of the same relation to his work that the schools in the Freedmen's mission bear to the work there. Through the influence of an Academy he expected that the sons and daughters would be brought into the church, and whole families reached in this way that would otherwise be unapproachable. So reversing the usual order, the children and youth first find Christ, and through their influence the fathers and mothers are soon brought to a saving knowledge of Him. This expectation has been fully realized; and no word picture, for among his most active and devoted workers are many who, as far as human knowledge goes, would yet be outside the "Ark of Safety" had it not been for the Waitsburg Academy. Has not God already set his seal to this work? We believe its influence for good will be felt in this whole Northwest. May we not hope that the sisters who are elected to distribute the funds of the missionary societies, "who stand" as Mrs. Porter says, "on observatory hill", when distributing the "Thankoffering," will discriminate between schools that are strictly missionary enterprises and those that are not, since the Women's Board have resolved not to assist educational institutions.*

The peculiarity of the Colfax mission is seen, in that it is a congregation established, and now after four years on prosperous footing, without the supposed indsipensible United Presbyterian nucleus to begin with.

Of our own work in Spokane I can speak more freely, having been with it from the beginning. The constant shifting restlessness of the population is a great discouragement.

In his work, "Our Country," Dr. Strong, in speaking of the character of those found in this great West, says: "Nineteen out of every twenty, (and the twentieth is either a home missionary or an invalid,) will tell you they came here for the express purpose of making money." We have found this to be literally true, and such being the character of the population, it causes a restlessness and constant moving about, which militates against the idea of persistent Christian effort.

The missionary here is the oldest pastor in the city, although not yet three years in charge. A gentleman noting these frequent changes, asked the missionary if he expected to remain. The answer was, "O yes, I came before the congregation, and if any one leaves it should be them." Several times since have we feared that such would be the case in effect from the removal of members. Our Missionary Society, less than a year old, has twice lost its corresponding secretary through removal from the city, both having expected to remain permanently when elected.

We find that in order to carry on Christian work with the highest degree of success, a great need is Christian homes consecrated to the work; so that those within homes, except as found in restaurants and lodging houses, may be brought under the influence of the gospel of Christ through the power of Christian hospitality. And people of the East would be astonished at the number of these homesick, discouraged ones who might be saved from the snares that are set for them if we had such Christian homes able to welcome them. But with

*CORRECTOIN.—The writer is mistaken in making this assertion concerning the Women's Board. It has never passed such a resolution.

a membership made up largely of young married people starting in life, who for financial reasons are compelled to live in small houses or apartments, we cannot expect them to do this necessary Christian work. Even where they may have roomy houses, the domestic help question is a far more formidable one in the West than in the East. And with young families our women find great difficulty in doing active Christian work, both in the congregation and in the missionary society. If the mothers come to our meeting we must expect the babies also. You ask, "Why not leave the children with the hired girl? That is an unknown quantity in the United Presbyterian congregation of Spokane, for it means from five to seven dollars per week for an incompetent Swede, or seven to nine dollars per week for an incomprehensible "John Chinaman."

If time permitted we would like to speak of the many encouragements we have. For, notwithstanding the difficulties and discouragements, the work continues to grow in power, influence and numbers, and we ever come back to that which is our great encouragement, having had it verified again and again, namely the promise of our Lord and Master, "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

Yours in His name,
MRS. W. A. SPALDING.

Symposium closed with singing selection No. 98, Bible Songs.

"City Missions" was the title of the paper read by Mrs. Lizzie Johnston Westerfield, of South Omaha, formerly city missionary in Omaha. Miss Lide A. McCool, of Indianapolis, Indiana, also read a paper on the same subject, as follows:

City Mission.

How shall we reach the masses of unconverted in our great cities? Here we find the great centers of life; also the great centers of vice and temptation. Hence the great and crying need for more interest in the evangelization of these same cities.

If "in the judgment of men of keenest thought and closest observation the cities are soon to rule our land," the Christian people must do more to make these cities what they should be. Make them centers of Christianity. Make them fit dwelling places for our boys and girls who will soon be leaving the home fireside and seeking homes and fortunes in their midst. More must be done to spread the gospel of Christ through them. The leaven must be spread throughout the entire mass. It is appalling to a close observer, how *great* this ueed. A person spending a week, or a day, in even one of the most remote section of one of the large cities of our land, will find numerous causes for heart-ache when he sees the many pitfalls of sin ever ready to swallow up our youth. But the youth are not the only ones—those in middle life, yea, even the hoary heads, are not exempt from these temptations.

Now comes the question, What can be done to counteract the influence of these works and workers of evil? How can we best accomplish the work, and who shall do it? The only way is to spread Christ's gospel. Let it permeate the lives of the masses, and these evils will disappear. The work must begin with God's people, and from them extend to those around them. They must be the leaven which must work until the whole is leavened. They must obey the command of their Lord and Master—"Go ye." The church must enlarge her borders. She must make her influence felt. More churches and Sabbath-schools must be established, and other organizations for the dissemination of the Truth must be found budding and growing. These, favored by the sunshine of God's love and watered by his grace, will in due time have the desired effect. No effort must be omitted to push forward this glorious work. But who are to be the moving spirits, who the soldiers in this Holy War?

Is not this question easily answered? Is not this work easily accomplished? There is certainly not much labor in connection with establishing a new work in a neighborhood where there are no churches. Are not the people hungering and thirsting after righteousness, and will they not flock to a place of worship if one is but opened? Jesus certainly realized the fact that such is not human nature. When he gave the parable of

the great supper to those around him in the house of the Pharisee, did he not say that the good man of the house bade his servants, "Go out into the highways and hedges and *compel* them to come in"? And human nature has not changed in these 1800 years. If the pastor and session of a church, or any of God's people, decide that there is a field unoccupied—a neighborhood where if the proper means be used a church can aud ought to be established, there are certain methods to be used in the early stages of the work which will take much of the time and strength of *some one.* The whole field must be systematically canvassed; visits made from house to house, ascertaining the religious bent of the people, the names of families, the number of children—in short, a complete census taken and a directory prepared. A personal invitation must be given and all urged to attend the services to be held, with an explanation as to their character.

Some of this may appear unnecessary, but all who have been engaged in such work will realize the great advantages to be gained by this plan. Then when people come to the place of worship, some one will be there to welcome them, grasp them by the hand and introduce them to others; and as a result, the stranger will not feel strange, but will feel at home from the first. Even after the work in fairly started it seems as if the *labor* has just begun. We know that the laying of the foundation of a building is but a small part of the labor and expense of the entire structure. So it is in Christian work; this same zanana work must be continued and more follow in its wake. A Sabbath-school must be started and carried on, and children gathered into it and kept in it; also prayer-meetings, a Young People's meeting, missionary society, mission band and reading room—each have their part and portion in this great work. The people must be taught to love and sing the Psalms, which perhaps they have never heard before; for I have in thought the work of our own beloved church in particular.

Some one must be present on the field of action—ever ready for any and all kinds of work, from speaking in public and private of Christ's love, down to overseeing, if not, as is too often the case, doing the work of the janitor. Then comes the caring for those interested, visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the needy, caring for the dead and dying; passing from mansion to hovel, from homes of virtue to places of vice, tramping through muddy streets and dark alleys; the only thought being, there are precious souls to save—this work must go on.

The greater part of this work must be done by personal effort. The pastor can not do it all. It is impossible for him to prepare and preach two or three sermons a week, conduct the weekly prayer-meeting—too often weakly in another sense of the term, only a few of the members of the congregation attending or feeling any responsibility resting upon them as to its success,—teach a class in Sabbath-school, attend all the funerals and weddings, and then do all this from house to house visitation. It is preposterous—yes, we believe even sinful, to expect the pastor's wife tc do it all, generally compelled, on account of small salary, to do all her own house-hold work, including the keeping of "open house," entertaining the stranger so often unaware of his coming, and not all angels either. It generally falls to her lot to teach the infant class in the Sabbath-school. If she look after these little ones, numbering probably from fifty to seventy-five, she will do well. The calling upon the members of one such class is sufficient to expect from one person, but we all know that this does not exempt her from many other calls in the congregation.

The officers of the church can not well do it; very *few* men are qualified for such work, even if they had the time. The teachers of the Sabbath-school are generally those whose entire time is otherwise occupied. Take, for instance, the ten in the school where I am now laboring—one a milliner, reaching home some times after midnight; one a stenographer, working from early morning till late at night; one a clerk in a grocery, leaving home at five o'clock in the morning and not returning until the shades of evening; still another the mother of three small children, and besides her household duties giving music lessions to nine

pupils. And so all along down the line. Who is to do all this work? The women of our church are awakening to the fact that this work must be carried on if our great mission fields are to be cultivated and harvests of souls brought to the Master. The appointing of women who devote part, or their entire time, to the work has been tried in a few of our large cities, and we believe it has proved satisfactory.

Who can do this work as a woman can? Who can go to the tired, discouraged mother, gain her confidence, and lend a helping hand as a woman of consecrated tact? Who can gain the love of the little ones, secure the help and interest of the older ones, deal with boys and help the girls, as a woman? And Oh, how many, many opportunities she finds for practicing these gifts when engaged in this work! We can not measure the value of human sympathy. It has been said that "all men may be saved by the grace of God and the power of human sympathy," and they certainly go hand in hand.

Now as to the value of the different organizations as means of grace and of preaching the gospel. We all know the value of the preached word. We accept that as divinely appointed means, but what of the others? The work of the Sabbath-school comes next, we believe, in its wide spreading influence. Here we have those of all ages; here an opportunity of teaching, not only the little ones but often those of maturer years. Even if only the children attend, through them we may reach their parents and thereby gain their interest. The Catholics claim that if you give them the training of a child for the first six years of his life he will always remain faithful to his early teaching. These children will some day, yes, in a few years, be the ruling men and women of our land. How important then that they be taught "the way of life;" be taught lessons of right, of purity, of honesty and of justice; that they may be taken while young, before they become hardened in sin, and fitted for the kingdom above. Many of these children brought into the Sabbath-school, especially a mssion school, have never been taught the story of Christ and His love; have never heard His name, except in profanity. Great] then is the responsibility of the teacher and all concerned in the work. It will necessitate much labor, patience and faith; much study, too, that the lessons may be made interesting, the room bright and cherry; that every association with their Sabbath life may be a pleasant one. But remember, fellow laborers, that, "He that goeth forth, and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

The Mission Band is also a very important agency in training children. They may be made to feel that this is *their* work, and thus their interest increased and maintained; yet, guided by a loving hand and taught by one full of the Holy Spirit, many lessons may be instilled into their young hearts which will remain with them through life. Here they may be taught to pray in public. I have heard little ones in these meetings—but five, six and seven years of age—lisp the desires of their hearts to the Father who ever heareth even the faintest cry of his children, and who has said, "Suffer the little ones to come unto me." The Young People's meeting is of equal importance in training those a little older. Many a young person, I believe, has been "born into the kingdom" through the prayers, labors and godly conversation of the members of this society. The leading of only one of these meetings, if proper preparation be made, is a great step in the direction of a life of usefulness. The preparing of papers on subjects of vital importance in spiritual life is a grand discipline of both mind and heart. The fact that you are expected, as a member of this society, to be interested in others and feel that they are interested in you, is a great safe-guard tending toward a life of usefulness. Who can measure the good done in this work? Only eternity will tell. The society where I am working is in reality a junior, although a few seniors are members. They have not organized under any constitution for the reason that only these few seniors are professing Christians, and the majority, therefore, could not be admitted to full membership or become active members. We simply ask all who wish to become members to sign the pledge as

given in the constitution of O. Y. P. C. U., and about thirty have done so. We have two committees appointed at present—a prayer-meeting and social committee. All whose names are on the roll have taken some part; most of them have led at least one meeting, and prepared papers, and some have led in prayer. Many, we believe, have given their hearts to Jesus, and have testified their desire in the meetings to live for Him, although not yet having made a public profession of His name. Then comes the reading room. I wish all of you could spend an evening with us in that little "upper room" in Van Sickle's Hall. See the bright room with its neat matting on the floor, white curtains at the windows, and above all, the bright faces of the young people who come there evening after evening, week after week, and never seem to tire. Also see the consecrated women who labor with us, for it is a *labor*. But the thought cheers us—it is a part of Christ's work; that good may follow; yes, we know will follow and has already followed it. Here we can teach lessons which can not be taught in any other place; here reach those whom we cannot reach on the Sabbath. An interest is created here which ultimately leads to an interest in our other services The lowest number present, any one evening since its first opening, has been twenty-three; the highest thirty-eight; the average about thirty.

The room is open every Saturday and Monday evening from seven till nine o'clock. The time from seven to eight-fifteen is devoted to reading; from that time till nine o'clock all who desire may play games. We have a number of good papers and magazines, two city dailies, all our church papers, the Youth's Companion, Golden Rule, Ladies' Home Journal and many others; also a case of books, all of which have been the gifts of friends. The papers and magazines they read in the room and take the books home with them, being allowed to keep them a week if desired. Quiet is insisted on during the reading hour. All chewing of gum, eating of candies, or anything which tends to, or can be classed as unbecoming conduct, is prohibited. Cleanliness and neatness of person and clothing is urged upon all. A kind suggestion in regard to this is generally all that is necessary. We have not encouraged the girls in coming to the room in the evening, although a few are present almost every night. We have the room open Monday afternoons from 4 to 5.30 o'clock that they may stop on their way home from school, read, get books, and enjoy all its privileges without being on the streets after dark.

The influence of the preaching of Christ's gospel in all these different ways has been vividly exemplified in the work in our Indianapolis mission. When we first entered Van Sickel's hall, one year ago, their reading room was the storeroom for all manner of trash. The main hall was used four nights in the week by different organizations. It was a loafing place for men and boys, who spent their leisure hours filling the room with tobacco smoke and reading trashy literature. These same boys when they came to our service were unable to connect any feeling of reverence with such a place. As soon as the service would close, they would gather around the stove, and if not closely watched would become very disorderly. But many changes have been wrought. The United Presbyterians now occupy four evenings out of seven, all day Sabbath, and two afternoons in the week. Some of the boys,—we will not say all,—by the side of whom the city missionary was accustomed to sit, caring for the contents of their pockets, of strings, etc., are now among our most quiet, gentlemanly and regular attendants at most of our services. The rubbers, with which she was occasionally struck, in their rebound are no longer seen. Of course *all* is not as we would wish, and *will* not and *can* not be as long as we remain in the hall. Our annoyances are now more from without than within. Being near a saloon and a lumber yard, where boys congregate for marbles on bright Sabbath afternoons, and play "hide and seek" and other noisy games Sabbath evenings, directly above a grocery, in front of which they have been accustomed for years to loaf, all is not a paradise, and will not be all we desire until we are able to enter a dedicated house of worship. But we are very much encouraged. The people of the neighborhood often remark to us,

"We are *so glad* you have come into our midst, and we sincerely hope your work will prosper." Our daily prayer is that "The work of our hands may be established."

LYDE A. MCCOOL,
Indianapolis, Ind.

The next report in order was that of United Presbyterian Women's Association Work, but the hour being late it was, on motion, deferred until the morning of May 11.

Mrs. E. M. Campbell made the following motion which was carried:

"That all the names which were presented for recognition this morning be referred to the Committee on Credentials with instructions to add all names of persons having credentials to the roll of delegates, and placing all others on the roll of visiting delegates, said visiting delegates to have all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting."

Session closed with the benediction, pronounced by Rev. Lytle, of India. Adjourned for supper.

7:45 P. M.

The evening session was devoted to the Thank-offering service, which was opened by singing of one verse of a selection in Bible Songs, and repeating the Lord's prayer by the audience.

A devotional and praise service was conducted by Mrs. W. I. Heade, of Cambridge, with prayer by Mrs. Geo. W. McDonald, of Allegheny, Pa.

The following history of women's organized work in our church had been carefully prepared by Mrs. Rev. D. S. Littell, of Pittsburg, Pa., to be presented by Miss Melinda M. Pressly, of Allegheny, Pa., in connection with the Thank-offering service:

Women's Organized Work.

The history of our work is mostly in the future. It is only for the sake of the work that is to be done that we write, and speak of the work that has already been done. If the work of twelve years ago seems trifling compared with what has been done the past year, we make the comparison merely for the purpose of inciting ourselves to the grander work before us, compared with which this year's work was insignificant. We would review the past from our timid first step up to the heighth of our present success, not to say, "Here let us rest," but to cheer us on to larger work that is to do.

If it be true that one billion of the human race are without even a nominal Christianity; of the four hundred and fifty million called Christendom only forty million are members of Protestant churches, it follows that each evangelical church member has thirty-six persons to evangelize. This is our work. My paper is designed to show what beginning our women have made in the performance of it. That the movements of our women in organizing for mission work were prompted by their own hearts is shown by the existence of efficient women's missionary societies in several churches very many years before the call for general organization. Of these congregational societies I have been able to get the names and dates following:

1st Church, Pittsburgh	Organized	1830
2nd " "	"	1830
2nd " Philadelphia	"	1834
Massies Creek Church, Xenia Presbytery	Organized January 2nd,	1837
1st Church, Allegheny	" January 23,	1838
3rd " Pittsburgh,	"	1840
3rd " Philadelphia,	" November 13,	1843
4th " Pittsburgh,	"	1854
Canonsburg	" January 1,	1855
West Alexander, Wheeling Pres.,	March 31,	1857
St. Clairville, " "		1857
2nd Church, New Wilmington,	organized Mar. 1,	1867
2nd " " "	" Sept. 16,	1867
Bethel, Mercer Presbytery,	" July 18,	1868

Massies Creek, Xenia Presbytery:—It is of historical interest that this society of twenty women memorialized the Associate Synod in 1839 to establish a mission in some heathen land, and placed their accumulated funds, $82.41, at the disposal of the Synod for that purpose. The committee to whom the memorial was referred reported, and the Synod adopted, the recommendation that a fund be formed by Synod entitled, "A Fund for Foreign Missions" and collections be solicited from congregations for aiding in this good work. It is probable that this society in the Associate church started the Foreign missionary idea, as the societies of the 2nd Church Philadelphia and 1st Church Allegheny did in the Associate Reformed church. I have heard

of no other societies, save these two, that have had continuous existence up to the present time—59 and 55 years. To such willing and waiting women came the call of the General Assembly of 1872, "That in view of the condition of females in foreign lands, the women of the United Presbyterian church 'exert themselves' and take a deeper interest in Foreign work."

Again in 1874 the General Assembly recommended the women of the church to interest themselves in suitable schools for girls and in zenana work. These calls of the Assembly met with a ready response in the mind and heart of Mrs. Sarah F. Hanna. In fact her interest in Foreign missions had been almost life-long, and she had anticipated the action of the General Assembly in seeking to interest and enlist the women in special and organized effort. Accordingly, having prepared a draft of a constitution, she presented it to the Assembly at Wooster in 1875. The draft was amended and approved by the Assembly, and a committee was appointed to secure, as far as possible, the formation of a Women's Missionary Society in every congregation in the church. The committee was, Mrs. S. R. Hanna, Mrs. W. H. McMillan, Miss M. E. Bell, Miss M. L. Pressly and Miss Eliza Frazier.

In carrying out their instructions, on November 1st, 1875, they sent out circulars to pastors and sisters throughout the church, asking their co-operation in securing the organization of missionary societies. Such was the readiness of the women's hearts, and such was their confidence in the honored and loved name of the chairman of the committee, that compliance readily came and, societies sprang up simultaneously in different presbyteries, seventy organizing in 1875. In 1881, 251 were reported. We now have 840 with 20,365 members.

The original purpose of the constitution was foreign work, but in 1876 the word "foreign" was striken out of the constitution. The committee appointed from their number a treasurer, and the first funds from our work were sent, on March 8, 1876, to Egypt and India through Mr. Wm. Getty, treasurer of the Foreign Board. Annual reports were sent by the committee to the Assembly. We find action recorded in the Assembly minutes of 1876 and 1877 approving these reports and continuing the committee. In 1879 they were discharged with thanks. The last entry in their treasurer's books was September 9th, 1879, the Assembly of 1878 having ordered that societies make their contributions through the financial agents of their presbyteries.

But the aspirations and efforts of Mrs. Hanna and her co-workers contemplated a larger organization of women's work than the congregational society. It was desired that the several societies in each presbytery should send delegates to a Presbyterial society, and ultimately that the women of the whole church should meet in a representative body. Accordingly Chartiers, the presbytery in which Mrs. Hanna resided, and the adjoining presbytery of Wheeling, were the first Presbyterial societies organized. Wheeling met April 10th, 1877; Chartiers, September 10th of the same year. As far as has been ascertained, these are the pioneer societies. Xenia was organized August 14th, 1878; Monmouth, October, 1878, and Allegheny, December 10th, 1878. These were followed by others, so that in 1881 eleven Presbyterial societies were reported in the minutes of the General Assembly. From 1879 to the spring of 1882 there is not much recorded history. Societies were quietly forming themselves in congregations, were quietly grouping themselves into Presbyterial societies; were quietly making their contributions through financial agents of presbyteries. It was a time of steady growth and training. Mrs. Hanna's zeal and energy were moving women throughout the whole church, though she herself was fading from earthly life and activities in honored but enfeebling old age. An advance in the service was work for younger hands but moved by the same old impulse.

The first advance was at the time of the meeting of the General Assembly at Monmouth, 1882. A meeting of women interested in women's missionary work was held. They had come together from many parts of the church on the invitation of Monmouth Presbyterial society. The subjects chiefly discussed were "Women's Board" and "Magazine." Two

meetings, crowding the Sabbath-school room of the 2nd Church, Monmouth' were held; the first, May 29th, 10 o'clock, led by Mrs. H. F. Wallace of Cedearville, Ohio; the second, May 31st, 10 o,clock, led by Mrs. Hogue of Kirkwood, Illinois. These meetings were addressed by the president and secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions and by Mrs. McCague, one of the first missionaries to Egypt, and Miss McKown, who had spent twenty-two years in same mission. Final action was not taken on any of the subjects discussed, but the remarks by members of the Foreign Board, missionaries, workers in other denominations, and members of the missionary societies, were favorable to the Board and the Magazine. It is an indication of the interest in, and enjoyment of, the meeting that they decided to hold such meetings annually in connection with meetings of the General Assembly.

The Women's General Missionary Society was not yet old enough to walk alone. As the next Assembly was to be held in the 3rd Church, Pittsburg, the first meeting of the Women's General Missionary Society was arranged for in 1st Church, Allegheny. The call for women of the church to meet May 25th, 1883, was issued, and the programme prepared by a committee, of which Mrs. Mary Fulton was an active and efficient member. Her devotion to the cause of Christ and her talent for organizing qualified her for this work. The meeting was held in the afternoon of May 25th, 1883, in 1st Church, Allegheny, Mrs. D. M. Collins presiding and Mrs. E. M. Campbell acting as secretary. The following programme has been preserved:

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Opening Address.....Miss M. H. Pressly
Our Cause for Thanksgiving.....Conference
Women's Societies.....Mrs. D. W. Collins
Our Work Abroad..... Mrs. J. S. Barr, India
Our Orphan's Home.....Mrs. E. M. Campbell
Home Missions..... .....Miss Mary Clokey
Magazine—Shall We Have One?..... .....Conference

At this meeting a committee was appointed to arrange for a convention to be held the following year, May 28th, 1884, at Sparta, Illinois. The committee consisted of Mrs. Z. A. Balph, Mrs. Mary Fulton and Mrs. Belle Patterson. The convention met as arranged for with Miss E. Wallace, Knoxville, president, and Mrs. Ferguson, Loveland, Colorado, secretary. The next meeting was held May 13th and 14th, 1885, at Xenia, Ohio. There a constitutioa was adopted.

The year following, 1886, the establishment af a Woman's Auxilliary Board was agreed upon. As it was thought best to locate the Board at Pittsburg, Pa. Fifteen women from that vicinity were chosen as members of it; nine of them are still serving in the same capacity. Seven years trial have shown them to be faithful and efficient.

Difficulty at first was experienced in having the societies act through the Women's Board. But experience soon showed the advantages of the arrangement. The first money coming into the treasury of the Board was a contribution of $40 from the Home Missionary Society of the 1st Church, Allegheny, for Miss Mason's work at Prairie Bluff, Alabama. This was on July 2nd, 1886. The second was from the society of the 6th Church, Allegheny, July 6th, 1886, $25, for Mrs. Hogg. The first disbursement was September 8th, 1886—$250 contributed by Monongahela presbytery for the traveling expenses and salary of Miss Adella Brown, their missionary to Egypt. In the spring of 1887 and 1888 out of twenty-two female missionaries fourteen were supported by societies. Our Women's Board now pays the salary of nineteen. In 1888 the General Assembly, at the request of the Woman's Board, transferred to that Board the medical department of the mission in India. Dr. Maria White had gone out to India in 1886, the first medical missionary sent to that field by our church. She found urgent need for a hospital. With the co-operation of the mission she started a temporary hospital. The Women's Board recommended to the convention in 1888, that $5,000 additional contributions be raised for the erection of a hospital as a memorial of the missionaries who died in the service. The amount was raised land purchased at Sialkote, a building erected and hospital transferred to it, December 30th, 1889. The medical department of the mission was reinforced by Dr. S. E. Johnson, arriving in Jhelum in April, 1890. The Women's General Missionary Society having thus become property-holders, fouud a charter necessary. A charter was obtained

in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, December 8th, 1888. Under this organization this department of foreign missions has gone on encouragingly to the present time, and we certainly feel that the favoring hand of God beckons us on.

The Freedmen's mission also appealed to our sympathies, and early received the support of societies in unrecorded work of sending clothing to the destitute in our missions. After the organization of the Board they did more systematic and efficient work. Bible readers are supported by them at Knoxville and Norfolk. Industrial training for girls has been provided for by them in nearly all the mission schools. In 1887 they assisted in building and furnishing "The Little Girl's Home," at Knoxville, Tennessee. In 1890 funds were furnished for a "Little Boy's Home."

The work in the home mission field has been carried on in two lines: The Warm Springs Indians and the employment of women as home missionaries. In 1890 the Assembly transferred the Warm Springs mission to the Women's Board. Since that time two missionaries and a Bible reader have been supported and the necessary expenses of repairs and new buildings have been met.

After some years of almost impatience on the part of some, our first home missionary was employed September 23rd, 1889—Mrs. Henrietta Brown, Portland, Oregon. The salary for a missionary in Salt Lake City has been pledged, but the work has not yet commenced, as the Board of Home Missions has not yet occupied the field.

The Board of Church Extension was also aided by building of parsonages. Ministerial Relief Fund has been aided. Educational institutions have been helped. Missionary societies have given needed assistance financially in their own congregations. In reviewing the needed work accomplished we are reminded of the remissness that had been existing in the members of congregations, *women and all*, when in that year, 1886, we commenced our work by assisting in paying off the debt resting on the Board of Foreign Missions which retarded their work.

One of the fruitful sources of means for our work has been our Thank-offering. The thought of appealing to the gratitude of the women, the *half* of the human race most benefited by the gospel, for the means of conveying its blessings to *all* the race, was suggested to the Woman's Board for their approval and was at once adopted. The call for a Thank-offering was communicated through the March number of the Magazine, (1888), and church papers to societies and the church. The response to the call at the meeting of the General Missionary Society in Washington, Pennsylvania, May 8th, 1888, in a Thank-offering of $5,919.20 was a gratifying result, and at that meeting it was resolved to make this an annual service. In five years it has amounted to $29,755.00.

One of the necessities of work that would include all the women of the church was a MAGAZINE. It was one of the principal subjects discussed, both at the informal convention at Monmouth and at the first meeting in Allegheny. A committee, largely our present Magazine committee, in 1887 reported 2,170 subscribers available, and recommended that either means be provided to start the Magazine or that its publication be postponed until a paying subscription list could be secured. The convention at once recommended that a guarantee fund be secured of one hundred shares of stock in Magazine at $5 each. The fund having been secured and a subscription list of 2,300 having been obtained, the first number of THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MAGAZINE appeared August 1st, 1887, a very welcome addition to our slim supply of missionary literature. Some of us felt that it was ourselves that had been promoted to the honored position of editor, when we were awakened to the realization of the fact that it was not ourselves, but only the cherished friends of our girlhood. This fact though would serve as an apology for our almost enthusiastic appreciation of its merits these seven past years. In just one respect, the Magazine is not perfectly satisfactory to its subscribers. As our honored editors are not likely to improve in personal appearance with advancing years, and the Warm Springs Indians we hope will, we, the subscribers, would like the frontispiece of the Magazine to give us the likeness of the former now, the latter after we have spent more

work on them. The aforesaid might come before this convention as unfinished business.

Another branch of our women's organized women's work is the United Presbyterian Women's Association. The origin of this magnificent benevolence was in the charitable purpose of a few women in the city of Allegheny to provide a home for a family of motherless children. In doing this they decided on an "Orphans' Home" where the children would be under United Presbyterian influence. A temporary home was opened October 9th, 1878, and occupied until the spring of 1879, when the present Home on Jefferson and Monterey streets was purchased. Without any available means, but trusting in the liberality of the Christian people, a property costing $7,000 was procured. By 1882, besides supporting the children, and making repairs on the building, the Association had paid for the Home and was ready for new advances. In 1884 the Home was enlarged at an additional cost of $5,000, affording room for from 75 to 100 children. Up to the present time there have been admitted to the Home 358 children. Among so many children it was found necessary to make arrangements for the care of the sick. A hospital building for this purpose was erected on the lot and was opened January 1st, 1889, at a cost of $4,400. Later it was opened to the admission of others besides the inmates of the Home. The Association is now planning for a Women's Hospital.

Another class of the lonely and dependent people, whose condition appealed to the sympathies of the women, was the aged people. After receiving a generous donation of a house and lot from the late Alexander Henry and his wife, and after purchasing a property on Centre avenue, neither of which was satisfactory, a Home, the Bissell place, in Wilkinsburg, was purchased and opened September, 1892. A beautiful place and conveniently located. It is admirably suited for its occupants.

Thus you have a necessarily brief and inadequate history of Women's Organized Work in the United Presbyterian church, beginning with spontaneously germinating missionary societies in congregations before the church had any foreign missions, called into organized and united action by Mrs. Hanna's labors, and extending its work as each opportunity gave the call. Much of the world and many of its classes have been blest by what has already been done. A true estimate of the fruits of the United Presbyterian work is beyond the reach of the pen of the historian. Much of it is laid up in heaven, but by our earthly standard we can compute these results. Up to the present time there has been received and expended by the treasurer of the Women's Board, since the first entry in their book, July 2nd, 1886, for all objects, $190,733.40. Of this amount $90,461 was for foreign work. The Women's United Presbyterian Association has, since 1880, received $126,987.

Address, by Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter:

Thank-offerings.—Past, Present and Future.

From the study of nature the ungrateful may well learn how to express gratitude to Him who gave them being. The Scriptures tell us that the mountains break forth into singing; that the valleys shout for joy—yea, also sing; that the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the Lord their Creator.

While these songs of nature make sweet melody to the Divine ear, no music so gladdens the heart of the Creator, and no song calls forth such responses from the angelic choir, as the song of thanksgiving from God's own people.

This song of thanksgiving is the one never-ending song of the redeemed in heaven. Learned they it after passing the portals of the heavenly gates? *Nay*, but in this life, the Holy Spirit being their instructor. Moses learned it at the burning bush. Miriam sang it when, with her maidens, she led the great praise service of Israel. Abraham sang it when he received the promises, yet saw them afar off. It was heard in the gentle voice of Ruth in choosing "God to be her God," and "His people to be her people." It was the universal song of David, the sweet Psalmist of Israel. It was the song of Anna, the prophetess, in the temple, when she was permitted to be-

hold the Christ. It was sung by the Woman of Samaria as she made known the Messiah to her people. Thus the songs of thanksgiving have been echoed down along the centuries, with each succeeding era the notes becoming more full and harmonious, until to-night no song sounds so sweet to our ears—no music so stirs our hearts—as the Psalms of thanksgiving from the sweet singer of Israel.

Whatever may have been the thanksgiving of the earlier ages, the Christian thanksgiving should be especially joyful. But should our gratitude *end* with a song? Does God require nothing more at our hands? Going step by step back along the centuries we find that from earliest time God has been worshipped by offerings; some of free will offering, others of peace offering, others of sin offering, others of oblation, others of devotion, others of sacrifice. All these, according to God's command, were to be given systematically, proportionately, and of the *first* and *best*. The idolatrous and semi-civilized nations offer gifts to their gods for the purpose of averting indignation, wrath and punishment, and it is only under the influence of Christianity that the Thankoffering comes to be a part of true worship. The *joy* of thanksgiving comes only to those who acknowledge the source of all their blessings, and nothing so incites God's people to the giving of thankofferings like reflection upon God's every day mercies. How great and inexhaustible they are! "Bring nation after nation, kingdom after kingdom, to drink at this ever-flowing fountain until the whole world shall partake thereof," and still God's goodness hath no end. Truly "giving doth not impoverish, neither doth withholding enrich." How are these wonderful blessings which are numberless received by us? Are we always grateful? Let us glance back over the past year. Have we expressed our thanks to God *day by day, regularly?* Have we come into His presence with offerings of service, offerings of time, offerings of talent, offerings of gifts? Do we make it the rule of our lives to thank God for the last blessing received before asking Him for another? Could we do this, even seeming calamities would turn into blessings, for "a thankful spirit heals with a word and turns all that it touches into happiness." Oliver Wendell Holmes thus contrasts the unthankful and the thankful heart: "If any one should give me a dish of sand and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might look for them with my eyes and search for them with my clumsy fingers, and be unable to detect them; but let me take a magnet and sweep through the sand, and how it would draw to itself the most invisible particles by the mere power of attraction! The unthankful heart, like my finger in the sand, discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day; as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find in every hour some heavenly blessings—only the iron in God's sand is gold."

Perhaps the strongest test of gratitude the women of our church have yet had to endure was that made upon them one year ago by our Women's General Missionary Society in asking for a daily offering to the Lord. True, the sum asked for was small—*only a penny a day*, but the keeping of the object in mind, the placing of the gift in the mite box, and the marking a record on the calendar, was, in its system, in its regularity, *a real test*. How have we individually endured it? As a denomination and as individuals we are either the better for it or the worse. *Which?* To some this penny-a-day movement seemed but a passing wave that would soon disappear, leaving no definite result of good behind it. If, however, we are to judge from the spirit with which the movement was taken up, and the reports from the congregational "Ingatherings," we must believe that the hidden power underneath the wave will tell for the future in larger and greater waves, rising higher and higher as the years pass on. The penny coins, the least in value sent out by our United States mint, once so insignificant in themselves, have come to be held in high esteem by those interested in the "penny-a-day" offerings, and welcomed where heretofore they were discarded, because of the good they accomplish.

It may perhaps be known to but few here present that we are this year celebrating the centennial of the first red cent. One hundred years ago it made its first appearance from the mint. The coin was proposed by Robert Morris, the

great financier of the Revolution, and designed by Benjamin Franklin. It bore the head of George Washington on one side, and upon the other a circle of thirteen links, in the center of which was stamped, "We are one." On this the tenth anniversary of our Woman'a General Missionary Society, let us stamp our penny offering with, "*The world for Christ*" on one side, and on the other, 33,000 links with the words "*We are one in Christ Jesus.*"

The power of pennies is shown in the estimate given that if each one whose name is upon the church roll of the United States would give but one penny a day into the Lord's Treasury, the gifts would reach the vast sum of $75,000,000 annually. Think of it! Seventy-five million collected annually through penny-a-day offerings! Do you ask, "Can it be that there is in this nineteenth century a man or woman whose name is enrolled as a follower of Christ who would *refuse* to pay on an average of one penny a day toward winning the world to Christ? Hearken to the answer! One half of all the church members in America give nothing to missions. Four-fifths of the remaining half pay but little; therefore the amount raised for direct mission work is given by one tenth of all the church membership. It is the same old story of the parable—"Nine lepers healed, and but one returns to give God the glory." Selfishness, greed and ignorance of the real need, are the instruments in the hands of Satan to deaden the hearing to God's repeated calls to His stewards—"Come ye into His courts and bring an offering with you."

To indicate that to some extent the women of our church have heard and heeded this call, we have but to note the annual offerings brought in the past six years. The first Thank-offering was made at the convention which met in Washington, Pa.

In 1888, - - - -	$	5,919 20
" 1889, - - - -		4,359 33
" 1890, - - - -		4,208 75
" 1891, - - - -		6,185 54
" 1892, - - - -		9,082 90
Total, - - - -	$	29,755 72

Upon this Thank-offering movement God has set His seal of approval, and through His blessing it has become a prominent factor in the great work carried on by the women of our church. It has been far-reaching in its influence, an inspiration in its teaching, and an incentive to activity and devotion in all parts of our work.

But the record of the past is closed. We cannot change it if we would. Its history is written for eternity. Only the light of heaven can reveal its successes, its failures. And yet its influence tells upon the present and will continue to tell throughout the future.

"Never a day is given,
But it tones the after years,
And carries up to heaven.
Its sunshine or its tears.
Thus the common deeds of a common day,
Are ringing bells in the far away."

In the present, even at this very hour, we are living over again the *spiritual* influence of our daily offering of the past year. To many of us here to-night, as well as to many of our absent sisters, the psalms of thanksgiving have a new and deeper meaning. Never have they so filled our hearts with rejoicing. Never have they so entered into our daily lives. Never have they so lifted us into such close communion with our God. More precious are they to our souls, more grateful are some of us to-night, that in our childhood we were taught these grand old Scripture songs at the old home fireside and in the sanctuary. That one psalm, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" is being gradually woven into the very warp and woof of our daily life. Is this our testimony? And what are the results? At this very hour we bring the answer in the tangible form of thank-offerings for the Lord's treasury; offerings from more than one hundred mothers in Israel who are over three score years and ten, and from one who passed the century line three months ago; offerings from the middle aged; offerings from the youth; offerings from Christ's little ones. Who but the Searcher of hearts knows the sacred history of all these gifts? Given in the secrecy and privacy of home life, they have often proved a fitting close for the morning and evening devotions. And may we not trust that upon each gift is engraven some memory of God's faithfulness, and that all are made fragrant with love and prayer. Coming as they

do from all sections of our own land, and from the far-away lands of Egypt and India, the faces and forms and voices of the givers may be strange to us, but being one in name and one in spirit, we together clasp hands in bearing our offerings before our Lord; and together our voices join in one grand chorus of thanksgiving to "Him who daily loadeth us with His benefits."

There are times and places in which God's children tune their harps for sweeter sounds than others, and is not this Thank-offering hour one of them? We find our interest deepening as the hour approaches for laying our offerings before the Lord. What a precious alabaster box we have here to break for the Master! Does it represent our best service? Will Jesus, who sat over against *each little individual treasury*, say to each giver, "*She hath done what she could?*" If so, these offerings will be told for a memorial of the devoted women of our church, and thus will they commend the religion of Jesus to all who may learn of it. It would no doubt add greatly to the interest of our service to-night to give extracts from the reports of the congregational "Ingatherings," which show so forcibly the far-reaching growth of the movement, and the hold it has taken upon the hearts of our people; but time will only admit of a brief summary of the benefits each received, aside from the gifts accruing to the Lord's treasury.

This summary is gleaned from letters received from pastors and societies, as follows: "This giving of daily gifts has led us to see the Lord's hand in everything great and small, and has taught us to give thanks for all. It has kept the subject of thank-offering prominently before the people. It has led many to be more regular and systematic in their giving. Through its influence some have resolved to be tithe-payers. It has united families older and younger in their giving to the Lord. It has brought some who are not distinctively connected with the church into most active sympathy with us. It has brought the work of the women of the church prominently before pastors and people. It has drawn congregations where the workers are as yet unorganized into closer sympathy with our organizations. It has been the means of new societies being organized, old ones reorganized, and some heretofore working independently to become auxiliary to our W. G. M. S. It has led to the paying of church debts in several congregations, and in others the meeting in full the membership quota. It has proven without doubt how large amounts can be raised by small sums systematically given."

But perhaps the largest returns have been in the increased zeal and love for missions, and in a greater unanimity of feeling awakened by a common interest and a deeper realization of the fact that we are indeed servants of our Lord and Master. In view of all these blessings already being enjoyed, who is there among us who would have the least feeling of disappointment or discouragement, if when the full amount of Thank-offering given is reported it should fall far short of the $75,000 asked for one year ago. It was triumph of genius when Paganini, the great violinist, succeeded in playing an entire musical composition on one string of his violin, but how much fuller and nobler the harmony when all the strings were brought into play. If a single woman in our church out of her abundance would bring in an offering to-night of $30,000 or $40,000, how quickly the anthems of praise would sound throughout the church, and the donor's name become a synonym of liberality, but how much grander are the harmonies of praise among the myriads of angels in heaven at this hour over 33,000 women and children in our Christian homes having responded *daily* to the touch of the Holy Spirit and who unite in the offering soon to be presented.

The present is so cheering, so inspiring, so peaceful. Over it we are conscious of the brooding of the Holy Spirit. We long to linger on this Mount of Privilege, and Peter-like would build tabernacles to abide in. But time calls our thoughts off to the future. And where is the seer who can reveal all it hath in store for us in our work? What shall the coming decade of service accomplish for Christ? As we turn from viewing the past and present, to contemplate the future, we are awed by its magnitude and by its possibilities, and are led to exclaim, "Who is sufficient for these things?"

The faithful work of the past year in increased membership, contributions and offerings, spans a bright bow of promise over the coming year that is most encouraging. It means enlargement in the church's work in all its departments. It means more helpers for our overworked laborers in India and Egypt. It means more comfortable homes and places of worship for our missionaries in the homeland. It means better education and purer morals for our Freedmen. It means a greater degree of civilization for the Indians. It means a clearer showing forth of spiritual light in the dark portions of our cities East and West, and we trust some relief to the oppressed Mormon women and children who, with clouded intellects, look to us for more joy and happiness in their home life. From all the spiritually needy come up such wailing cries for help as should move every Christian to more faithful service. Do we need to look into the faces of these to know their need? Turning our eyes toward them, what do we see? Every one made in the image of God. But, oh, how marred and broken by sin and defilement. Looking by faith into the invisible, may we not, like the one who gives us these words, "see Jesus with upraised hands, bending down in love over the millions in India, saying unto us who are the highly favored of God, "Restore, restore such as these to the image of God." Can we not see Him brooding over Egypt saying, "Restore these to the image in which they were created." And the East and the West, and the North and South, of our own land, is he not lovingly bending over all the needy ones, saying to you and to me, "Give more time, more sympathy, more thought, more gifts, more prayers; *give your all*, if need be, that these for whom Christ died, may become with you the children of the Heavenly Father?" Can we as God's people do this? Yes, if we are but possessed of similar enthusiasm to that of the captive, who, when ransomed by a human redeemer, at the small cost of $100,00, fell at his feet and cried out in adoration and gratitude, "Every drop of blood in my veins thanks you. Every power in my being belongs to you. I will never leave you. I will serve you as long as I live." If such euthusiasm, such adoration born of heaven, would bring Christians of every name and of every clime in gratitude to the feet of the Redeemer who ransomed them at the cost of His own life, very soon, even before the close of the 19th century, the world would come with us and bow and worship before the Lord our God. Let us *work* for it; let us *seek* for it; let us pray until this loving enthusiasm takes possession of our whole being. Then will we be fitted for further service.

No day, no year, ever repeats itself. Each new to-morrow brings with it a new meaning, a new service. It rests with us *individually* what the coming year shall be. We can make it bright and beautiful with work well done, or dark and marred with ill-timed deeds. Enlarged vision, greater opportunities, deeper consecration, fuller blessings await us. Are we ready to receive them? Shall we give less of service than the year past? *Nay!* Less using of talents? *Nay!* Less time expended? *Nay!* Less of giving? *Nay!* If we were to judge from the reports coming up from all over the church, our societies are ready to enter upon the coming year's work with more vigor and energy than ever before. We wish we could quote their words. But many promise new organization of societies among both women and children; others will endeavor to organize Presbyterials. But one and all give evidences that the new way of raising the Thank-offering will not be given up until a better plan is offered. The merry jingle of the penny offerings has made such sweet music throughout the church the past year, that very many are not willing to be deprived of these little "music boxes" in their homes, and, therefore urge our Women's General Missionary Society to recommend their continuance the coming year.

While these facts assure us that in most instances the "Penny-a-day" boxes and their owners were brought into very close sympathy with each other, yet the empty and unreported boxes but repeat the story of the little child who grew weary of her box and said, "How stupid in me to burden myself with a thing that always has its mouth wide open to be fed, and is never satisfied." Its presence condemned her every time her allow-

ance was paid, or a gift of money was given her. She would turn its face to the wall, but there on the back was the calendar as a daily reminder. On the sides were the needs and the pledge, and on the end the dates when it should be brought to the Lord with her offering, all seeming to be illumined from heaven, but with no effect. Little Nellie and her box were not friends.

Some one has said that "popular movements are the advancing waves of progress which bear the world on to better and higher living." As givers, the women of our church have taken a long, important step toward true progress, therefore we need to be very careful in planning for the future. Let us not set our mark so low that we will be compelled to look *down* from the position we now occupy to see it, but place it high, both in contributions and offerings, and put forth efforts early in the year to reach it. "He who serves quickly, serves twice." Without a single step backwards, with not even a halting at the present, let us, with a quick, rapid stride forward, strive, with God's help, to make this coming decade a *tithing* decade. Let our aim be to reach that glorious time when the women of our church shall claim that wonderful promise found in Malachi 3:10 as their own. Listen to it carefully, prayerfully, for in it a voice from heaven speaks to each one at this moment: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

"Do not our hearts long, yea, even cry out unto our God, for these promised blessing upon our beloved church? God waits to bestow, and why delay its fulfillment? Let this new decade, upon whose threshhold we stand tonight, be a *testing* time. Let us resolve ere this convention closes, 1st, To send broadcast throughout our societies the best of tithe literature; 2nd, To give earnest, prayerful study to the subject in our homes, and in our societies; 3rd, That by example and effort we will endeavor to lead others to believe its teaching and act upon it; 4th, That the study of it be recommended to our Young People's Union and Junior societies, from the members of which may be expected the largest results.

God has set His seal upon this old Jewish method of giving, and *no doubter no unbeliever, can remove it.* There are many things to recommend its practice to us, but we will refer to but one: *It insures to the church a full treasury.* Where do you find a generous minded, liberal giving congregation? Where the pastor and elders practice tithe giving! Where do you find no deficit in any department of the church's operations? Where there are a goodly number of tithe paying members. Where do you find congregations not resorting to festivals and fairs to raise needed funds? Where tithe payers are in control. Where do you find the cutting down of necessary appropriations? Where there are no tithe payers. Where do you see the abandonment of projected and much needed mission work? Where there are no tithe payers. Who ever heard of a narrow minded, selfish tithe giver? Who ever heard of a tithe giver saying, "I'd like to give, but I have seldom anything to spare?" Who ever heard of a tithe giver withholding his offering simply because it was a rainy Sabbath, and he was not present when the offering was made? Where do you find a congregation keeping abreast of the times, and ever ready to follow the leadings of God's promises? Where tithe giving is taught from the pulpit, in the Sabbath school, and at the fireside. In such a congregation the term *retrenchment* as applied to the Masters work—that word which saddens every true Christian's heart, which weakens the hands of the laborers in the field, and which causes angels to weep, and devils to rejoice, *is never heard.* That one word, so depressing in its influence, is blotted out of the vocabulary of such a congregation.

Is there a woman here tonight who does not wish to belong to such a congregation? If so, it is within your power to make your own such a blessed one. Accept the truth of tithe paying yourself, practise it, teach it in your home, and with God's help strive to lead your society into it this coming year. *Then will follow the true Thank-offering which*

is acceptable unto God. Observe tithe-paying *first*, and it will be easy then to lay our *daily offerings* before the Lord. Systematic giving will create a desire, in every true Christian's heart, for more intelligent giving; intelligent giving will lead to a whole-souled, consecrated giving, and then the glorious day will dawn upon Zion when God's people will no longer question, "How small an offering can I give and be respected," but "How great an offering can I give, and be liberal in God's sight?"

MRS. MARY CLOKEY PORTER.

Report of Literature Committee on the Special Thank-Offering.

At the meeting of the Women's General Missionary Society in Philadelphia, one year ago, the following resolutions were on motion adopted:

Resolved 1st, That each member of our congregational societies try, early in the year, to secure one new member to the society.

Resolved 2nd, That each one of our present membership, numbering over 20,000, make an effort to contribute at least one extra penny a day toward a Tenth Anniversary Thank-offering of $75,000 to the general mission work of the church.

The report of our secretary, Mrs. Mary W. Porter, shows how far the first resolution was carried into effect by the individual members of societies.

As the work of raising the special Thank-offering was placed in charge of your Literature committee, it is in reference to the carrying out of the second resolution that this report is given. Within ten days after the close of the convention at Philadelphia, your committee had secured sample mite boxes from the principal manufacturers of New York and Pittsburgh. The Penn Box Co. of Pittsburgh, having made the best offer, an order was given it for 25,000 boxes.

A second step was to publish 25,000 circular letters to the women of the church, embodying the resolutions adopted by the Women's General Missionary Society, and giving a plan for the distributing of the boxes, the keeping of a record, on the calendar, of money placed therein, and giving the date, April 8, 1893, as the day for the "Ingathering."

A third step was to secure 25,000 copies of the excellent leaflet on giving—"Thanksgiving Ann," of the publisher, Mr. T. C. Kane, of Chicago. Mr. Kane not only gave the leaflet at mere cost of printing, but sent a check for $25 toward the expense of sending out the boxes. He expressed himself as deeply interested in the movement.

A fourth step was to secure 50,000 seals for closing up the ends of the boxes; that, after the mission of the box was established, there might be no tampering with its contents. This part of the work was tedious, far beyond description, as the seals had to be counted out by twos and placed in 25,000 small envelopes. Several entire days, from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m., were spent by over a score of busy hands at this work alone.

A fifth step was the sending out of over six hundred mimeograph letters to the pastors of the churches, enclosing copies of the "Open letter to the women of the church," and asking each pastor to present the "penny-a-day" cause from his pulpit, and endorse the movement if favorable to it. In most cases, we believe, this request was granted.

A sixth step was to send out over three hundred letters to congregations which reported no societies as auxiliary to the Women's General Missionary Society. Hearty responses were received from many of these, in the form of large orders for boxes, and kind words of commendation from the pastors, saying they endorsed the movement and trusted that the use of the boxes in their congregations would result in organized work among their members.

A large upper room of the business block of J. J. Porter & Co., 824 Liberty street, Pittsburgh, was placed at the disposal of your committee, and early in June this room was converted into a veritable work-shop. At one large table would be seen a committee writing out on paper slips the addresses of the presidents of congregational societies, with the number of members in their societies, and making a record of each. These slips were passed to the workers at another table, where busy fingers were counting out the required number of boxes for each society. These boxes were passed to another table, and in each one was placed an explanatory letter, a copy of "Thanksgiving Ann," and a small envelope containing two seals. The packages of boxes being labeled, they were sent to the shipping-room in

the basement, where three experienced young men of the establishment spent part of each day in wrapping and marking and shipping. Two of these young men spent, until 3 o'clock, two of the hottest nights in July in this work and without any compensation. There was some delay in getting the full number of boxes from the manufacturers, but by the first week in July all were ready for shipment. The query then was, "How can we ship at the least expense?" Express agents of the different companies were interviewed, both in Pittsburgh and at the general headquarters in New York, with a view to getting all sent out free of cost. This request was not granted, but a plan was agreed upon by all the companies whereby there should be a uniform charge per pound. Boxes were shipped to every state in which we have congregations, and to several others to which members had removed, making in all twenty-nine states and the province of Canada. As many addresses were incomplete, in the ordering of boxes, there was some delay, in such cases, in delivering, both by mail and express, but as yet only one congregation has been heard from which sent an order and the package sent was not delivered. Judging from the pastor's letter, received a few days since, this congregation will lead off in the work for the coming year. He writes: "Our Thank-offering this year is not so large as it might have been had we received the boxes we had ordered, but we want to start right for the coming year; so please send us two hundred boxes at once."

The demand for boxes in July and August increased, so that by the latter part of August an order was given for 5000 additional ones. Within five weeks 3000 more had to be ordered, making the total number sent out 33,000. In August sixty letters were sent to the presbyterial secretaries asking to have congregational societies to report at the fall meetings—how they distributed their boxes; how many were given out; how they were received; and if the interest in the work was confined to members of the societies. Most of the secretaries replied, giving encouraging reports of work done, and interest manifested by women in general. Early in January letters of inquiry came down upon your committee like snow flakes, asking what shall be our program for the "Ingathering?" "Shall we designate our money or not?" "Does the W. G. M. society support benevolent and educational institutions?" and, "Can we have credit in the Thank-offering fund, and give our money toward paying the quota of our congregation?" &c. Had we responded favorably to the last question, our offering would be much larger than it now is, but in every instance we urged that the quota be paid in full, also the regular contributions to societies, before the giving of a Thank-offering. We are at this hour *especially thankful* that the annual report of our general Treasurer shows *no decrease in regular contributions of societies, but an increase of over* $4,000 *more than the year previous.*

One question that came up from societies, we beg leave also to answer in this report: "Can a society designate its Thank-offering?" To the mind of your committee an offering which carries with it a two-fold thought—something choice and something presented to God,—can be properly designated only by the one who makes the offering. Hence a society would have no right to designate its offering unless every one who contributed toward that offering would consent to have her's so designated. A unanimous consent would be necessary, the *majority* having no right to designate for a *minority*.

In March last your committee stated, through the church papers and THE WOMEN'S MAGAZINE, that Thank-offering envelopes would be supplied *free* to all who wished them for the annual offering. Within three weeks over 8,000 were ordered. Through our several church periodicals the time of the "Ingathering of offerings, to-wit, the first week in April, with suggestions for a program of exercises, were kept prominently before the people. Reports from a large number of societies indicate that the suggestions were almost universally carried out. Has there ever been such a universal meeting of congregations in a social way within a single month? Has there ever been such a searching of the Scriptures, by old and young, for words with which to express the heart's thanks-

giving? . Have the voices of the women ever been heard so universally in our churches, audibly testifying to God's goodness? Have the bonds of sympathy ever drawn Christian workers so close together as this "penny-a-day" movement? The solemnity which pervaded the laying of the offerings before the Lord, as expressed so fully in all the society reports, was wonderful. Who can doubt that God was present at every congregational "Ingathering?" Time will admit of but few of the many items of interest which might be cited in this report. One of the most touching facts is the readiness with which the aged "mothers in Israel" entered into the movement. Over one hundred of these, who have more than reached their three-score years and ten, have been giving their daily offerings to the Lord. One has reached the age of 91 years; another 94 years, and a third—Mrs. Mary Rose, of Mt. Chestnut, Pennsylvania, celebrated her 100th birthday last January. In sending the contents of her box, $5.00, for Foreign missions, she expresses her thanksgiving in the words of the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord, Oh my soul and forget not all his benefits." Mrs. Anna McKitrick, of Olathe, Kansas, who is 85 years of age, sends an offering of $15.00, which was a gift from her grandchildren, for this purpose. She sends it with a prayer for "the great mission work of the church." A most encouraging item is the interest manifested by the little children of the church. The youngest giver reported is Ruth Margaret Vance, the infant daughter of Rev. J. C. Vance, of Millersburg, O. Penny Helper cards were given to a Junior society the middle of February, and, on April 8th, the children brought in over $66.00, which they had largely earned in the six weeks. In this offering over 2,000 pennies were given, which added to the pennies given in the women's offering of the same congregation, numbered over 11,000. Another very pleasing item is the interest and liberality shown by members of other denominations. The first offer received was $25.00 last August from a Congregational lady of Brooklyn, New York, who was formerly of our church. Three members of one family, now in the Presbyterian church, gave $23.65 in memory of their sainted mother. Friends in the Baptist, Methodist and Lutheran churches added daily offerings to ours.

In closing this report your committee presents the request, in which scores of societies unite, that the Women's General Missionary Society instruct the societies throughout the church "to continue the plan of giving of at least one penny a day as a Thank-offering until some better plan is presented," these societies pledging themselves to enter into the giving with more interest and zeal in the future than in the past. In view of this request being granted, over 400 boxes have been ordered for next year's offering.

In consequence of many societies failing to follow instructions given by your committee, to keep a list of the persons taking the mite boxes, there are in these congregations boxes not yet reported. As these boxes were given out *in trust*, and *without expense to the receivers*, we would urge that some effort be made to either have them used the coming year, in connection with other holders, or returned promptly to the society to be given out to others.

The work done by your committee, as partly presented in this report, has occupied much time and thought, and required much mental and physical strength. We have given all gladly, willingly, thankfully, hoping that through our efforts, aided by our faithful pastors, the publishers of our church periodicals, and by the good women in general, a rich blessing has come upon our beloved Zion. "Not unto us, not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy name give the glory."

Respectfully submitted,

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MRS. MARY B. REID,
MRS. E. M. HILL,
MRS. E. J. MCPHERSON.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

THANK-OFFERING DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE IN ACCOUNT WITH WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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By cash for 33,000 mite boxes, 33,000 small envelopes, 66,000 seals,.....	$180 68
20,000 Thank-offering envelopes and freight,.....	16 73
Printing—33000 circular letters, 800 mimeograph letters to pastors, 300 letters to congregations not having Missionary society, 60 letters to Presbyterial Sec.....	61 26
30,000 copies "Thanksgiving Ann" and freight of same.	79 00

On shipping boxes to Societies, express and postage		200 67
		$ 538 34 Dr.
To Cash—Mr. T. C. Kane, of Chicago, Ill.,	$ 25 00	
Cash—Mrs. Robert Jamison,	50 00	75 00
		$ 463 34

MRS. MARY CLOKEY PORTER,
Allegheny, Pa., Chairman Literature Com.

List of contributors to the Thank-offering Fund, through the Literature Committee:

Rochester, N. Y., congregation	$ 10 00
Lawrence, Mass., congregation	40 00
L. M. S., Muncie, Ind	5 00
Sarah J. French, Iantha, Mo	3 25
Lizzie B. McCartney, New Bethlehem, Pa	3 75
Mrs. Jane H. Dysart, Wooster, O.	3 65
Mrs. Mary G. Brown, Mansfield, O	3 65
Mrs. S. E. Lipps, McCook, Neb	7 30
Mr. Norman Lipps, McCook, Neb	3 65
Miss Allen, McCook, Neb	2 05
L. M. S., Salem, N. Y.	94 61
From Knoxville College, Tenn	60 00
L. M. S., Tipton, Ind	45 45
Garrettsville, N. Y., congregation	18 91
L. M. S., Salem, Ind	31 00
Lincoln, Tenn., congregation	7 00
Jamestown, Kas., congregation	7 00
Ryegate, Vt., congregation	50 00
Mrs. Rev. J. E. Work	3 65
Miss Nannie Smith, South Bend, Pa	3 65
Mrs. Mary B. Ashton, Hamilton, O	20 00
Mrs. M. J. Foster and Mrs. Jennie Foster Currie, Ogden, Utah	5 00
Mrs. Jane Irwin, Butler, Pa	1 25
Mrs. J. K. Patterson, Westford, Pa	2 10
Mrs. A. J. Blair, Westford, Pa.	1 71
L. M. S., Greenfield, Iowa	8 50
Mrs. Anna McKitrick, Olathe, Kan	15 00
Emporia, Kan., congregation	11 65
L. M. S., Pittsburg, Kan	10 55
Mrs. Mary M. Rexroad, Morrison, Ill	5 00
Hopewell congregation, Beloit, Kan	28 92
Mrs. Wm. Young and Kate Young, Kirkman, Iowa	7 30
Stamford, Ont., congregation	41 00
Ladies of congregation, Jamestown, Pa	32 07
Miss Maria C. Thompson, Gettysburg, Pa	5 00
L. M. S., Sterling Valley, N. Y.	22 15
Mrs. W. B. Mitchell, Waterman, Ill	3 70
Miss Eliza Smith, Crete, Pa	1 00
L. M. S., Glen Elder, Kan	24 00
L. M. S., Franks, Ill	101 15
Idaville, Ind., congregation	14 70
Mrs. N. J. Graham, Boon, Iowa	5 00
N. M. Graham, Boon, Iowa	5 00
Troy congregation, Birmingham, Mich	50 00
Albany, N. Y., congregation	11 56
Mrs. A. P. Smith and friend, Cassville, O	5 25
Mrs. Mary Rose, Mt. Chestnut, Pa., (100 yrs. and 5 months old)	5 50
L. M. S., Detroit, Mich	43 86
L. M. S., 1st Church, New Wilmington, Pa.	15 80
Waitsburgh, Wash., congregation	27 00
Jane Morton, Lebanon, Ind	3 65
Homestead congregation, Ill	14 00
L. M. S., 1st Youngstown, Ohio	5 00
Clara Hazen, Chase City, Va	3 65
Martin, Michigan, congregation	46 36
L. M. S., Concord, Pa	40 00
Allegheny congregation, Ingleside, Pa	14 00
L. M. S., Brookville, Pa	18 87
Mrs. John R. Marshall, Latrobe, Pa	5 00
Mrs. Helen Love, Sharon, Pa	3 75
Beulah, Kansas, congregation	36 00
L. M. S., Perth, New York	32 71
L. M. S., Chetopa, Kan	46 00
Mrs. J. C. Christy, San Bernardino, Cal	10 00
L. M. S., Concordia, Kan	11 15
L. M. S., Frankfort, Pa.	50 06
L. M. S., Clinton, Pa	44 50
Mrs. George Ferguson, Havre, Iowa	2 50
Milton congregation, Mansewood, Ont.	20 75
New Bedford, Pa., congregation	30 50
L. M. S., Johnstown, N. Y.	22 75
Mrs. J. O. Lemon, Latrobe, Pa	5 00
Vernon, Wis., congregation	20 53
Mrs. Martha P. Ross, Braiburn, Pa	4 00
Mrs. Cynthia Houston, Wenoka, Indian Ter.	5 00
A friend, Indiana, Pa	1 00
Springfield congregation, Pardoe, Pa	19 11
Greensboro, Vermont, congregation	30 95
Whitinsville, Mass., Mission Band	10 00
Mrs. Nellie M. Hamill, Nampa, Idaho	3 65
Center Church, Midway, Pa	90 73
Mrs. S. A. McKee, Carson, Iowa	66
A friend	5 00

Mrs. Heade requested the audience to join in singing No. 126 and 132, Bible Songs. During the singing of No. 126, "Come into His courts and bring an offering with you," the delegates appointed came forward and deposited the Thank-offering in the basket prepared to receive it. When this had been done the President offered the consecration prayer. Service closed with singing No. 132, Bible Songs. It was announced that the amount of Thank-offering would be given later.

The motion deferring the reading of the report of the Women's Association work was reconsidered, and the report ordered to be read, which was accordingly done by the delegate, Mrs. M. M. Paterson, of Wilkinsburg, Pa. This report

including the reports of the Orphans' Home, Memorial Hospital and United Presbyterian Home for Aged, and being of unusual length it was decided after hearing a part of it to again defer the reading until another time. The report was adopted as far as read.

Adjourned, 10 p. m.

MAY 11TH, 9:30.

Session opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. T. C. McKelvey, of New York. The interests of the Freedmen being the special object of this session, many of the delegates took part. Prayers were offered by Mrs. McKitrick, Mrs. McCracken and Mrs. Dr. Weir. Closed with singing 217, Bible Songs.

The following persons were appointed tellers by the President: Mrs. T. C. McKelvey, Mrs. D. H. Bryce, Miss Etta L. Clark, Mrs. Carrie Linton and Miss Lizzie Caughey.

Report of the Freedmen's work, prepared by the Secretary, Dr. C. Jane Vincent, was read by Mrs. Geo. W. McDonald, of Allegheny. Adopted.

Report of Corresponding Secretary Freedmen's Work.

For Year Ending, April 30, 1893.

In many respects the work for the year just closed has been more satisfactory than any previous, probably due to the fact that the industrial training for girls has been given into the care of the women, and there has been something tangible to work for. An incentive has been furnished for working systematically, and so true have you been to this trust, that everything recommended last year has been carried through. Eight salaries have been paid, and fifteen little girls have been supported in the Little Girl's Home at Knoxville.

New material for the sewing department has been furnished as needed. The departments in which sewing and cooking is taught at Henderson, N. C. were equipped, and clothing was sent in such quantities that the needs were fairly met, notwithstanding the severity of the winter created a demand even greater than usual. That you may see at a glance what the industrial training for girls means, we give you reports in full from each station, beginning with Knoxville, Tenn.

BOARDING DEPARTMENT, KNOXVILLE COLLEGE.

We have enrolled this year in the department for the older pupils, 145, coming from Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and West Indies.

The health of the students has been unusually good. We were obliged to refuse a number of young women for want of room, also to put three in a room. The difficulty with regard to rooms for the young men was relieved by putting them in outside rooms and in the Little Boy's Home. But we imagine all our troubles will be at an end when the Girl's hall is completed. The division of the oversight of the industrial work among the teachers has worked well, the teachers exhibiting the same energy as in their class-room work, not looking on it as a burden, but as an opportunity to better understand their pupils. During the winter, nine of our most promising young men and one young girl became members of the church. Some of these we had long been praying for, and we feel God has answered us.

LITTLE GIRLS' HOME

There has been an enrollment of 47, including three assistants; of these twenty-seven are wholly, and two partly, supported by relatives. The distance from which these children come show how the need of such a home is felt by some of the best colored people They represent eleven different states, extending from the lakes to the gulf. There was quite a religious interest felt among the young girls, and the letters they wrote home telling how they had confessed Christ and were trying to live Christian lives were indeed touching. Twelve professed to have found peace in believing and united with the church.

LITTLE BOYS' HOME.

This home has enrolled twenty-one, including four assistants. Ten are supported by parents and seven by Ladies' missionary societies and mission bands.

During the weeks of prayer this winter, these boys manifested much interest, and after meeting with them for several consecutive weeks and consulting with Mr. and Mrs. Love, the session admitted fourteen of them to the church.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

EXPENDITURES.

Provisions	$4,951 13
Furnishings	1,186 32
Fuel and Light	1,328 15
Vacation expenses	517 34
Cow feed	210 71
Cash on hand	1,424 31
	$9,617 96

INCOME.

Empty barrels	$ 17 70
Dairy	392 00
Boarding	9,208 26
Total	$9,617 96

Amount not collected for the school year ending June 9, 1892, $214.40. Of this we expect to collect $145.00.

Respectfully,

ELIZA B. WALLACE.

SEWING DEPARTMENT AT KNOXVILLE.

All of the girls in classes from the second Primary in the Training School to the second Normal inclusive, are in the sewing-room by classes during the five consecutive 40 minute periods of the forenoon. The smaller boys in the Training School also sew. During the year, 140 persons have received instruction in sewing, 27 of whom are boys. From one to two o'clock in the afternoon the sewing room is open to girls who wish to receive assistance in cutting and making their own clothing. During the year, 715 articles have been made. This number includes towels, dust cloths, sheets and pillow cases for the Boarding Department, sleeves, long-sleeved and waist aprons, dresses, skirts and underwear for girls and work aprons for young men. In making these articles somethimg over a 1,000 yards of material have been used. All beginners use models, which include the various stitches used in practical work. Many of our pupils have had no other work this year than on these models. To those in the sewing classes, articles made in this department are sold for a very little more than the cost of the materials, while to those not in any of the classes a small amount is charged for making.

At the beginning of this year the Women's Board furnished supplies, including sewing-book, scissors, tape-measures, goods, thread, needles, etc., to the amount of about $35.00. Since that time the department has paid $8.25 balance on sewing machine, $31.75 having been paid by the Indiana Presbyterial; $7.50 for chairs; $1.50 for lock; $2.69 freight on goods; $51.51 for material and other supplies. I have on hands this 27th of April, 1893, $34.08. Received for clothing sent from the North, $51.06; for material and articles made, $44.13; for sewing done for the Boarding Department, $11.09. It is expected that this branch of the work, aside from the teachers' salaries, will be self-sustaining after this year.

H. A. KERR.

MILLER'S FERRY, ALA.

Miss Lillie Jarnigan was elected industrial teacher, but when the school opened it was so crowded that there was no suitable space in which the sewing could be taught, so it was deemed advisable to omit this part of the training for this year. Miss Jarnigan taught in the school proper, and, in addition, organized a mothers' meeting where good work was accomplished. Miss Jarnigan reports 66 barrels and boxes of clothing, 2274 articles, 2618 ½ yards new material; articles of clothing given away, 250.

Money received for clothing	$124.50
Money payed out for drayage	7.00
New room added during the year	21.50
Money paid on freight	28.00
Total expenses	$56.50
Balance on hand	$68.00

Number of articles made and mended in mothers meeting, 107.

We thank our kind friends very much for the clothing sent us this year, and pray God's blessing on these cheerful givers.

I remain yours,

LILLIE E. JARNIGAN.

That you may have a fuller idea of the character of this mothers' meeting, we give an extract from a letter written by Mr. Cloud, principal of the school at Miller's Ferry. He says, "Very little industrial work has been done this year, because of the crowded condition of the school. The industrial and religious training of the mothers is another part of the work that has been faithfully carried on by Mrs. Scott and Miss Lillie Jarnigan. The object of the mothers' meeting was to teach them to honor God in all things. After a few minutes of

prayer by some of the members, the time was divided into Bible reading and talks on practical subjects pertaining to home training. These earnest workers had splendid opportunities for doing effective work in the home, which otherwise could not have been reached. A large Sabbath-school class of old people, forty-two in number, and a more tidy appearance of the children, are some of the fruits.

CHASE CITY, VIRGINIA.

The work at this station has been conducted along the usual lines of effort. The industrial, intellectual and spiritual training of pupils have received the proportion of attention believed to be the most conducive to the development of Christian character.

THE GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL HOME.

This department, under the careful management of Miss Anna Dickson, is still self-sustaining, and closes the year with a balance of $31.41 in the treasury. The number of girls in the Home for the year, 11; number of boys taking their meals in the Home, 13. Eighteen teachers boarded in the Home during the Teachers' Institute. The great poverty of the colored people, owing to the failure of last year's crops, kept many who had applied from entering the Home. The number of applications coming in already seem to indicate a full Home next year. The influence of the industrial training given to the girls, and the refinement and culture that social intercourse under proper home restrictions has brought to both boys and girls, leave no longer any doubt as to the importance of this part of the work in the social and moral elevation of the colored people.

SEWING SCHOOL.

The sewing-school, with Miss Mary McCampbell as teacher, has been kept open during the nine months of the school term. The number of girls receiving instruction in cutting, fitting and making plain garments for girls and boys is 129. These girls spend one-fourth of each school day in this department and made gratifying progress. The number of yards of material was 1585. The number of garments made, 890. The Women's Board contributed $100 to purchase goods for this department.

CLOTHING, &C.

Fifty-seven packages containing clothing, bedding, books and papers were received during the year. These things have been very helpful, and many pupils have attended school for the whole year who could not have done so but for this assistance. These things were usually sold to the pupils, as experience has proved this to be best. Giving tends to foster a spirit of dependence on the part of pupils, while judicious assistance stimulates and encourages.

Very respectfully,
J. H. VEAZEY, Prin.

HENDERSON, N. C., INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

We close the year in our industrial department with a good degree of success; have taught 120 girls sewing, housekeeping and cooking. We have a neat house, well arranged for our work. All who have visited us express themselves well pleased with the arrangement. Sewing is taught four days in the week; cooking and housekeeping one day each week alternately. In the cooking department they are taught to be able to tell how to prepare a stove, kindle a fire, and put the kitchen and pantry in order for cooking. They are not allowed to cook until they are able to tell how to make ready what they intend cooking. They are made to commit the receipts. While the cooking is being done the table is set as if to prepare for a good dinner. After the article is cooked it is sampled by the pupils. They seat themselves at the table, and part are appointed to wait on the table. The waiters are taught how to wait on the table, and those at the table how to eat properly. After dinner is over, everything is put in first rate order and another class is called to the kitchen. In housekeeping they are taught how to sweep and dust the parlor, make beds and put everything in order in the bed-room.

A number of girls who board themselves in our cottage put all these lessons into practice every day. Those who go to their homes tell of their experience in cooking and house-keeping and interest their parents in it also. We wish you could see our little home for yourselves; we know you would be pleased. We are more and more convinced that industrial training should go hand in hand with education. Leave out either one, and these poor people are at the mercy of

those who desire to prey upon them.

We would like to make one or two recommendations for your consideration. I do it now because I drop out of Freedmen's work and may not have a chance again. We have six rooms and only teach the girls in four of them. We should have an assistant teacher and have two grades; those that have advanced would be in the upper grade, and those who are constantly coming in, in the lower grade. We could easily teach 200 girls and carry on the cooking and sewing department at the same time if necessary. The lady in charge of the department is capable of directing an assistant in all the grades and she herself take charge of the advanced work.

Thanking you for your liberal help in this department, we close this report with the declaration, that no money could be better spent than you have spent here in our industrial work.

Yours,
J. M. FULTON, Prin.

FINANCIAL REPORT, INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

Received from Women's Board.

Check, Miss Sloan, Treas	$264 00
" " "	30 00
" " "	56 21
	$350 21

EXPENDITURES.

Henderson Building Co	$ 77 93
Cooking stove	13 25
Paper and papering	8 95
Parlor stove	6 75
Returned check to Miss Sloan	43 00
Watkins & Co	151 30
C. Irons	19 03
Shoes	25 00
Clothing	5 00
	$350 21
Received for clothing sold from May, 1892, to April, 1893	$104 75
Expenditures	53 05
Balance	$ 51 70

SEWING AND COOKING.—Garments made:—dresses, 208; aprons 72, underwear for girls, 156 articles; clothing for boys, 25 articles; bedding, 8 pieces; rubbers for black board, 40; handkerchiefs hemmed, 30; quilts, 5; blazers, 4; carpet balls, 20; table linen and towels hemmed, 21 pieces; hoods made, 10; long aprons, 71; dolls dressed, 41. Made carpet for sewing room. Hemmed and made 12 curtains for windows; sewed and hemmed felt for curtains for dividing room. In cooking department 2730 biscuit were made. They were taught how to roast beef, cook rice, bake apples, make tea and coffee, make corn bread and griddle cakes and poach eggs.

MARGARET KERR, Teacher.

SEWING DEPARTMENT, NORFOLK, VA.

We began work the second week of September with an enrollment, up to January, of 250; during January, 198; February, 194; March, 186; April, 183. 3137 yards of material were used, consisting of muslin, gingham, and flannel or wool goods. Number of yards of material on hands when school opened, 346. Number of yards of material sent from the North, 1570, and six dozens spools of thread. Garments made: 210 dresses, 508 aprons, 198 pieces of underwear, 223 wall pockets and cushions, 58 embroidered scarfs. Paid out for sewing material, $168.20. Received for goods and clothing, $206.09.

Respectfully,
A. M. GEBHART, Teacher.

REPORT OF BIBLE READER, NORFOLK.

This has been a full year, spent in visiting from house to house, looking after the spiritual interests of those found in the homes, caring for the sick and poverty-stricken ones. I do think my field has grown one-half larger during the year, so that I find the whole year is not sufficient to do what I would like to do. I find much encouragement in reviewing the work. Many who were near death were brought to put their trust in Jesus in that dying hour, and I believe have joined the church triumphant. There were eight persons brought into our church through my influence, and there are others who expect to come. During this year I have made 1655 visits.

Have received aid from the following persons this year:

Miss Mary Ross' Class, East Palestine	$ 6 50
Mission Band, East Palestine, O., to educate young girls	3 00
Miss Minnie Beveridge, New York	5 00
Young Ladies Soc'y, 8th Church, Pittsburgh	5 00
L. M. S., Sixth Church, Pittsburgh, Pa	22 00
A. B. C. D., Pittsburgh, Pa	10 00
	$ 52 50
Besides this, I spent of my own money	80 00
Making in all	$132 50

Clothing was received from East Palestine, O ..... 2 barrels
From Eighth Church, Pittsburgh ..... 1 barrel
From L. M. S., Sixth Church, Pittsburgh ..... 1 box
From S. I., 6th Church, Pittsburgh ..... 2 boxes, 1 barrel
From Cannonsburgh, Pa ..... 1 barrel

Cannonsburgh Mission Band .....2 boxes
West Alexander, Pa.....1 barrel
First Church, Youngstown, O.....1 barrel

As all know this has been a hard year on poor people. I thank God that He has enabled me to relieve so many. God has been my helper. His spirit has guided me, and to His name be all the honor and glory.

Yours in the name of the Master,

SARAH DENNISON.

These reports are so full and complete that no word of comment is required but only ask a careful perusal. We would again speak of your hearty co-operation in carrying on the industrial training for girls, so vigorously begun, and ask for a continuance of the same during the coming year with more added. The Freedmen's Board recommends that we go on with this industrial training for girls, enlarging and extending it as the necessities from time to time demand. One, and possibly more, industrial teachers additional will be required this coming year, as it is probable this phase of the work will be opened up at Athens soon. We would like to assume the salary of Miss McDill, the matron of the Little Girls' Home, at Knoxville, Tenn., in which you are all interested. An addition is much needed to the buildings at Miller's Ferry, of two rooms in which sewing and cooking may be taught. This will be no formidable undertaking, as the cost will probably not exceed $600.00, all told, to put it in shape for the purpose.

We cannot close without giving some expression of appreciation of the thoroughly material support which this department has received since its incipiency. This year a helping hand was extended from far-away Egypt, in that the missionary society in the Eulalie school, through their teacher, Miss Anna Y. Thompson, sent $5.00 to the Little Girls' Home at Knoxville, Tenn.

Thus we rejoice in seeing the fulfillment, in our day, of the promise which says, "And they shall come from the East, and from the West," &c. Let us thank God and take courage. We ask also that you will remember your Little Girls' Home by helping needy little ones to grow up into Christian womanhood.

So well are you posted upon the necessities for sending clothing at all times, that we will not enlarge, only ask that you do not forget, please, to place a card in the box or barrel upon which the name of your society is written, and write to the principal at the time of sending, enclosing receipted bill of lading; (never forget to prepay the freight, that he may not be required to pay it.) Also all money for this department, as for all women's work, should be sent through the Presbyterial Treasurer, to Miss E. J. Sloan, Treasurer of Women's Board, No. 5170 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Information desired in regard to the work will be furnished gladly upon application to the Corresponding Secretary.

Clothing and New Material Sent by the Following Societies and Mission Bands.

LITTLE GIRLS HOME, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Y. L. M. S. 8th Church, Pittsburg, Pa., one roll rag carpet.
Mission Band, Greely, Col., Christmas box and bedding.
L. A. Society, 2nd Church, Allegheny, Pa., 1 box $30.00.
L. M. S., Birmingham, Ia., 1 box.

ATHENS, TENN.

L. M. S., 1st Church, Washington, Ia., 3 barrels $108.25.
L. M. S., North Shenango, Pa., 1 box–$25.00.
" Welda, Kan., 1 box–$23.00.
" 3rd Church, Pittsburg, Pa., 2 barrels.
" Elderton, Pa., 1 box.
" Henderson, Ill., 1 barrel.
" Camp Creek, Ill., 1 barrel.
Mrs. J. S. Cochran, Kansas City, papers.

MILLERS FERRY, ALA.

L. M. S., Jamestown, Pa., 1 box.
Missionary and Benevolent Society, 4th church, Allegheny, Pa., 1 barrel.
Y. L. M. S., West Newton, Pa., 1 barrel.
L. M. S., Sewickley, Pa., 2 barrels.
" Indianola, Io., 1 box.
" Traer, Io., 1 barrel.
" Washington, Io., 1 barrel.
" Verona, Pa., 2 barrels.
" Goldfield, Io., 1 barrel.
" Peotone, Ill., 1 barrel.
" Lenox, Io., 1 package.
" Central church, Omaha, Neb., 1 box.
" Springdale, Pa., 1 barrel,–$48.00.
" 1st church, Mercer, Pa., 1 barrel.
" Cambridge, Ohio, 1 barrel,–$35.00.
" Birmingham, Io., 1 barrel.
" Indianola, Io., 2 boxes,–$40.00.
" Monroe, Io., 1 barrel,–$10.00.
" Hanover, Pa., 1 roll rag carpet.
" Jacksonville, Pa., 1 barrel.
" Clarence, Io., 1 barrel,–$10.00.
" Utica, Pa., rag carpet.
Y. L. M. S., Beaver Falls, Pa., 1 barrel,–$20.00.
" 1st church, New Concord, Ohio, 1 barrel,–$18.52.
Y. P. M. S., Etna, Pa., 1 barrel.
Gleaners Mission Band, West Bellevue, Pa., 2 barrels,–$25.00.
S. S., Wyoming, Io., 1 box papers and books.

CHASE CITY, VA.

L. M. S., York and Covington, N. Y., 1 box.

" Chartiers, Pa., 1 box,-$42.00.
" Madison, Ind., 2 barrels.
" Cherry Fork, Ohio, 1 barrel,-$30.00.
" Scotland, Ind., bedding.
" Bethel, Pa., 1 barrel.
" Shushan, N. Y., 1 barrel.
" Rix Mills, Pa., 1 barrel,-$25.00.
" Fredricksburg, O., clothiug and bedding.
O. Y. P. C. U., Glade Run, Pa., 1 barrel.
Y. L. M. S., 7th church, Pittsburg, Pa., 2 barrels,-$63.00.
Mission Band, Olathe, Kan., 2 quilts.
Y. L. A. S., 1st church, Allegheny, Pa., 1 box,-$42.00.
Y. L. M. S., 7th church, Pittsburg, Pa., 1 box,-$19.80.
Gordon Mission Band, 7th church, Pittsburg, Pa. 1 box,-$55.00.
Mrs. Susan Parkhurst, Birmingham, Io., 1 box.

NORFOLK VA.

L. M. S., Newville, Pa., 1 box.
" Mansfield Valley, Pa., 1 box,-$50.00.
" Verona, Pa., 2 boxes,-$60.00.
" Pine Bush, N. Y., 1 box.
" Zanesville, Ohio, 1 box.
" 6th church Pittsburg, Pa., 3 boxes.
" Martin, Mich., 1 box.
" Providence, R. I., 1 box.
" 1st church Cleveland, O., 1 bbl,-$50.00
" Grove City, Pa., 1 barrel,-$16.00.
" Jamestown, Pa., 1 package,-$3.70.
" Elizabeth, Pa., 1 barrel.
" Ireton, Io., 1 barrel.
" Tarentum, Pa., 1 barrel,-$51.00.
" Stanford, N. Y., 1 package,-$20.00.
" 3rd church Phila, Pa., 1 box,-$60.00.
" Andes, N. Y., 1 box,-$50.00.
" 2nd church Xenia, O., 1 box,-$45.00.
" 5th " Pittsburg, 1 barrel,-$36.00
" 2nd " New Concord, O., 1 bbl.
" 8th " Pittsburg, Pa., 1 bbl, $15.00.
" 2nd " Chicago, Ill., 1 bbl,-$40.00
" Garner, Io., 1 barrel,-$24.00.

HENDERSON, N. C.

L. M. S., Indiana, Pa., 1 box.
" 2nd church, Monmouth, Ill., 1 pac'ge.
" Morning Sun, Ohio, 1 barrel, $20.
" Butler, Pa., 1 box.
" Caledonia, N. Y., 1 barrel.
" Allentown, Pa., 1 barrel.
" Garner, Ia., 1 barrel.
" 8th ch., Allegheny, Pa., 1 bbl., 1 box.
" Mission Band, Shushan, N. Y., 1 barrel clothing and bedding.
" Braddock, Pa., 2 barrels, 1 box.
" Clintonville, Pa., 1 barrel.
" Richmond, Kan., bedding.
" Worth, Pa., 1 barrel.
" Huntsville, Ohio.
" New Concord, Ohio, 1 barrel.
" Reinbeck, Ia-, 1 box.
" Princeton, Pa., 1 barrel.
" M. B., Second church, Concord, O., 2 barrels, $66.
" Claysville, Pa., 2 barrels, $20.
" Seventh church, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1 box, $85.
" Hartstown, Pa., 1 barrel $24.
" Northwood, Ohio, 1 box.
" First church, New York city, 1 box.
" Y. L. M. S., Uniontown, O., 1 barrel, $22.
" Robinson's Run, Pa., 1 barrel.
" Second church, New Wilmington, Pa., 2 barrels.
" Venice, Pa., 2 boxes.
" Buffalo, Pa., 1 box.
" Pernassus, Pa., 1 barrel.
" Hoopstown, Ill., 1 box Bible songs.
" Merissa, Ill., 1 barrel.
" Claysville, Pa., 1 barrel.
" Aledo, Ill., 1 barrel.
" First church, Monmouth, Ill., 2 bbls.
" Fair Haven, Ohio, 1 barrel.
" Wellsville, Ohio, 1 box.
" First church, Lawrence, Kan., 1 barrel.
" Espyville, Pa., 1 barrel.
" Bovina Center, N. Y., 1 barrel.
" New Athens, Ohio, 2 barrels.
" Coin, Iowa, 1 box.
" New Brighton, Pa., 1 box.
" Oakland Chapel, Pittsburgh, Pa., one barrel.
" Brush Valley, Pa., 1 barrel.
" Sugar Run, Ohio, 1 barrel.
" Fall Creek, Pa., 1 barrel.
" West Middleton, Pa., 1barrel.
" Martin's Ferry, O., 1 box.
" St. Clairsville, O., 2 barrels.
" Morristown, O., 1 barrel.
" Shushan, N. Y., 1 barrel.
" Hartstown, Pa., 1 barrel.
" 1st church St. Louis, Mo., 1 barrel.
" Burchard, Neb., 1 barrel.
" McKeesport, Pa., 2 barrels.
" Scotch Ridge, O., 2 barrels.
" 6th church Pittsburg, Pa., 2 boxes.
Y. P. S. C. E., Covington, N. Y. 1 box.
Y. L. M. S., North Shenango, Pa., 1 box.
Y. L. Aid S., 4th church Alle., Pa., 2 barrels.
Fulton Mission Band 4th church, Alle., Pa., 1 bbl.
Mission Circle. 5th church, Alle., Pa., 1 barrel.
A Friend, St. Charles, Io., 1 box.
Mrs. L. S. Purvis, Butler, Pa., 1 barrel.
Mrs. J. McDonald, Jersey City, N. J., 1 box.
L. M. S., Samantha, Ohio, 3 quilts.
Miss D. Knekten, 1 quilt.
Rev. J. B. Clapperton, N. Y., Bible Lesson pictures.

Respectfully submitted,
C. JANE VINCENT, Cor. Sec.

Minutes of previous meeting read, amended and adopted as amended.

The following notice was read by the President to the delegates :

"In accordance with the by-laws governing the Women's General Missionary Society, the second meeting of the Women's General Missionary Society will be held on Tuesday, the sixth day of June, 1893, in the Second church, Sixth-ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. Ten (10) delegates are required to be present at this meeting, more if convenient. Delegates will please make their arrangements accordingly and report to the secretary."

Miss Ella R. Day, the special representative from Norfolk, Va. mission, gave an interesting account of her work among the Freedmen, of the trials to be endured, and also of the great encouragements in this work, and described the peculiar traits of the people among whom she labors.

Mrs. M. M. Patterson finished the read-

ing of the report of Women's Association work, opportunity being given for remarks. Many questions were asked and were answered by those in position to do so. Encouraging words were spoken, notably by the delegate from Southern Iliinois. On motion, the report as a whole, adopted. Roll call deferred.

Report of the United Presbyterian Women's Association.

We come at this time with a report of the United Presbyterian Women's Association,—and perhaps some of our sisters may ask the question, What is this Women's Association, and what its relation to the other work of the women of the church to.day?

Some think it should not be classed as *mission* work; but if establishing schools and hospitals in foreign countries is mission work, why should the establishment of homes and hospitals in this country be anything less than mission work.

We think, the Master, were he here today, would say of one as of the other, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me." In His name is the work done, and in the words of Holy Writ, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction." As to the origin of the Association we will give a brief sketch:

In the spring of 1878, a United Presbyterian mother, ready and willing to depart and be with Christ, lay dying, her *only* anxiety being in regard to the welfare of her fatherless little ones so soon to be left without home and mother. The trouble of her heart she told to her minister, Rev. J. M. Fulton, now of Henderson, N. C. She wished her little ones might find homes where they would learn of the Saviour who gave his life for them, and also that they might be taught this truth in the church she loved so well.

This minister, having received this burden from the dying mother, after consulting with many friends, decided to appeal to the women of the United Presbyterian church, to see if a Home to care for the orphan children of the church, could be established. A call was therefore sent, through the Missionary Society of the Fourth church, Allegheny, to the women of the United Presbyterian churches of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, to meet in the Fourth church, Oct. 9, 1878, to take the necessary steps towards establishing an Orphans' Home. The meeting was held, and the Association organized, having for its object, "to advance the kingdom of Christ, and to improve the moral, intellectual and social condition of women and children." It was resolved to proceed immediately to establish an Orphans' Home; chartered, Feb., '79.

The first president of the Association was Mrs. Jane S. Collins. A house was rented, No. 93 Webster ave., Allegheny, in which our Home was formally opened Jan. 1, 1879—fourteen years last January; fourteen years of blessing to the little ones who have been sheltered under its roof. Eternity alone will reveal what these years of care have done for these children.

This house proving too small and unsuitable, a house of eight rooms was rented; but it soon became evident that a permanent home must be secured. A committee was therefore appointed, and after careful search, the property of the present Home was purchased at a cost of $7,000, although at that time there was no money with which to pay for it. The Lord can and does open the hearts and purses of his children, and on the 1st of April, 1880, possession was taken and soon after a payment of $2,000 made. This Home is situated on the corner of West Jefferson and Monterey streets, Allegheny City.

In less than two years God blessed the efforts of these consecrated women, who did not despise even the scrubbing and sweeping of the Home, and enabled them to pay off the debt of $5,000. But this house proved too small, as so many applications had to be refused for lack of room, and the money received from the Quarter Centennial fund was used in enlarging the building to its present size.

The first entertainment, held at the Home December, 1880, netted $190.50. This entertainment was called the "Orphans' Home Fair," but the annual entertainment can no longer be called by that name, as the three—Orphans' Home, Memorial Hospital, and Aged Peoples'

The origin of Orphans Home has been related at every

Home share in the proceeds of the Fair. The last one was held December, 1892, and netted $4,304. From these figures alone can be seen the increased interest that is taken in the work of the Association.

We would like to say just here, that any one, in any state, can become a member of the Association, and have a right to attend any meetings and vote, on payment of one dollar per year; sent to Mrs. M. J. Steele, Avalon, Pa. On payment of $20 at one time, and given to either of the Homes, or to the Hospital, any one can become a *life member*, and any one contributing $100 at one time can become a *life director*. Should any one contribute at one time, $40, $60 or $80, they can have two, three or four persons respectively, made life members. The Association, now in its 15th year, has had but three presidents and three treasurers.

Thus far you will see the history of the Association and the Orphans' Home was one but as children of the Home attend the public schools, preaching and Sabbath-school of the Fifth church, Allegheny, a new difficulty arose—if any child was sick of a contagious disease, all the children were kept from school. After the death of Mrs. Rev. J. M. Fulton, who had been the second president and an earnest worker, the Association decided to raise one thousand dollars, and endow a bed in the Allegheny General Hospital, in memory of Mrs. Fulton. On inquiry, however, it was found to be impracticable, and would really not meet the need of the Home, as several children might be sick at one time.

In the report of 1888 we find that the Hospital, situated on part of the lot on which is located the Home, was completed and about half paid for, leaving a debt of $2,500. This Hospital is called "The United Presbyterian Memorial Hospital," as it was built and furnished in memory of many dear ones, gone before. In the year 1889 its first annual report was made. When the Hospital was first proposed, it was intended only for the sick of our Orphans' Home; but when the building was completed, and our Association viewed the thirteen snowy little beds, and thought of God's goodness in the years past to his little ones in our care, it was decided to open its doors to other little afflicted and suffering children.

The Memorial Hospital, now in its fifth year, has been a great help in the management of the Home; but it, like the Home needs more room, as there are not accommodations for the convalescent children—those who are not sick enough to stay in bed, and yet not well enough to go to the Home. So, kind friends, remember Memorial Hospital when you bestow some of the good things which our Heavenly Father has given you.

When we make the most of opportunities that come to us for doing good, we will always find still greater, and this has been true of the work of the Association; for as soon as the Orphans' Home and Memorial Hospital were firmly established, this question was presented, Why not provide a Home for the aged Christians of the church who have no children to care for them and not means enough to pay some one for their care? So we are brought to the last, though not least, work of the Association.

In the year 1889, when the Hospital was declared free of debt, it was thought the time had come to provide a Home for Aged People of the church. A committee was appointed to seek a suitable house and lot for this purpose. "It seemed as if the Lord had told us just when to begin this work, for in a few days after this committee was appointed, a deed for a house and lot on Buena Vista street, Allegheny, was placed in the hand of our president, Mrs. H. C. Campbell, by Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Henry, with no restrictions. One of the donors, Mr. Henry, entered his Eternal Home, Feb. 11, 1893. So many applications for admission to an Aged People's Home had been received by this time, that it was found the Henry property would not be large enough, and the Association decided to sell this and look elsewhere. After searching in a great many directions, and after many disappointments, a suitable place was at last found in Wilkinsburg, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh, and was purchased at a cost of $45,000. It contains about five acres of ground, a large house of fifteen rooms, and, as it needed very little change or repairing, there was little delay in getting it ready for occupancy. $23,000 of the debt of this Home has been paid, leaving a debt of $22,000. We commend this

work to you and ask that, in your gifts to the Lord, you will remember our Aged People's Home. In this Home, as in the other, the furnishing was done by societies and individuals, nearly all of the rooms being furnished as memorial rooms. We hope soon to be able to report the debt now resting on this Home paid; but of course this will depend largely on the liberality of our friends. The treasurer of the Aged Peoples' Home is Miss Clara Henning, Braddock, Pa., and we do hope, should any member of this convention at any time come to the vicinity of Pittsburgh, she will not return to her home without paying a visit to the Orphans' Home, Memorial Hospital, and Aged People's Home, all of which are on lines of street cars and but short rides from Union Station, Pittsburgh.

It is earnestly desired by the Association that each Presbyterial society in the whole church shall appoint a manager of Association work, whose duty it shall be to inform herself of the work and its needs and then impart her knowledge to the members of the Presbyterial society at its regular meetings. We are never interested in anything unless we *know* something about it, and we think the more you *know* of this work, the more interested you will be.

Treasurer of Orphans' Home, Mrs. M. J. Steele, Avalon, Pa.

Treasurer of Memorial Hospital, Mrs. W. C. Hodge, 13 Simon avenue, E. E. Pittsburgh, Pa.

Total amounts contributed since being established:

To Orphans' Home, -	$ 80784 82.
" Memorial Hospital, -	10086 05
" Aged People's Home,	36033 55
Total, - - -	$126904 42

CHILDREN.

1882	28	received	into	the	Home.
1883	19	"	"	"	"
1885	34	"	"	"	"
1886	30	"	"	"	"
1887	31	"	"	"	"
1888	37	"	"	"	"
1889	32	"	"	"	"
1890	42	"	"	"	"
1891	32	"	"	"	"
1892	21	"	"	"	"
Total	306				

CHILDREN TREATED IN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

1889	24	19	from	Home,	5 other places.
1890	30	23	"	" 7	"
1891	80	70	"	" 10	"
1892	116		majority from Home.		
	250				

LIST OF DENOMINATIONS REPRESENTED IN THE ORPHANS' HOME—1892.

United Presbyterians	98
Presbyterians	26
Methodists	41
Lutherans	12
Covenanters	5
Episcopalians	2
Baptists	3
Catholics	12
No church relations	61
Total	240

Report of Aged People's Home.

One year ago, when each Presbyterial missionary society was planning for the General Meeting in Philadelphia, condensing reports and securing all possible information in regard to each branch of work in the care of the women of our United Presbyterian church, the Association could only report progress in regard to the Home for Aged People; that we hoped soon to proclaim, the Home is established, "come and see," and to our weary aged ones, "come and occupy." To-day we tell you, with great joy and gladness, that we have such a Home; that some hearts are already made glad thereby; are free from care, and as one of its aged members has expressed it, "Have nothing to do but praise and thank the Lord all day long for a Home like this."

When the Association took possession in July, they immediately passed it over to the Board of Managers, saying, "Take care of it; we place it in your charge," and requested that a lawn fete be given, not only to increase our funds but that all in reach of the new Home might see the location and its advantages. The attendance and success of this effort was beyond our expectations, and the net receipts were $1002.25.

As soon as the purchase was made, those who had promised to furnish memorial rooms urged that the room they had chosen be made ready at once; therefore, a committee for the purpose of furnishing was appointed from the Board, and on September 30 we had our reception and formal opening, and the first member admitted came into the Home that day. Seven have been admitted since October 1st. One of this number has passed to the "home beyond." We wish all in this audience to-day could see for themselves the happy faces and

hear the tender words of thankfulness which come from these dear old ladies. One whom we love and call grandmother, because she is the oldest, said one day, in reply to the question "Are you still happy?" "How ungrateful I would be if I were not; no coal to buy, no rent to pay; I have nothing to do but praise the Lord from morning till night and wonder why he has been so merciful and kind to give me a home like this."

Some objections have been made to requirements for admission, but we only ask that all who have had any question in regard to them make a careful comparison of these rules with those of similar Homes, and you will find the comparison is much in our favor. The first clause of the last requirement reads, "Those who have any property, real or personal, are required to secure the same to the Home before they are permanently admitted." Some think this unjust. Are any of us so generous, so liberal, that we would take into our own homes those who have means, care for them during their last days, it may be years of feebleness, and advise, yes, suggest and even *urge*, that they distribute their property to those who refused to do anything for them? To whom should it go? Should one be allowed to dispose of his property and then pay $200 as entrance fee, and be cared for by the Home and its friends?

Before these requirements were published, such plans were made by some seeking admission. One, a man owning considerable property, said, "In a few years I will distribute my property, reserve $200 and go to the Home." Another wished to make her will, but when this rule was presented, refused to come. If this was allowed, where would be the limit? The Home might soon be filled with those who have some money to keep them, while those who needed the shelter would still be homeless.

The member of our Home who has so recently been laid to rest, said, with such deep thankfulness when she had signed the certificate of permanent admission, "I am so glad that the little I have will go to the Home. I wish it was more; how gladly would I give it to make some lonely, needy ones happy and comfortable as I have been. I have had every care necessary for my comfort." She was ill, and this certificate for permanent admission was not signed at the expiration of the three months, but she was restless and uneasy till it was done, and as soon as her name was written she said, "Now it is fixed, and I have only one or two little requests to make. I shall not live long, and there are some little things—my spectacles, the picture of my dead boy, some photographs and my album, that I would like my cousin to have." We told her that, so far as possible, her requests should be granted, and on the day of her burial these articles were given into the hands of her friends. She was laid to rest on the fifth of April.

When we learned that our friend and counselor, Mr. Alex. Henry, had gone from our midst, we knew that our Home had lost a friend—a Home, which but for the generosity of himself and wife, might not have been in existence to-day. His memory is dear to every one interested in this cause. His words of advice and counsel will not soon be forgotten.

On January 1st, a payment of $8.000 was made on the property, which reduced the indebtedness to $22000. When this payment was made, our bank account was overdrawn $500, which filled our hearts with anxious care. We knew we were to receive a liberal proportion of the proceeds of our Annual Bazar, which the treasurer of the Association sent to us as soon as she knew our treasury was empty. This amount, $1500, left to our credit only $1100 with which to meet monthly expenses, plumbing bills and a paving bill of at least $1500. We made our need a subject of prayer, and then each member of the Board pledged herself to raise at least $25, and as much more as she could, before the next regular meeting—that is, in one month. The Lord answered, and we have received enough to supply our present needs. We must still pray and work, for another payment of $5000 and interest will be due July 1. We know that the finger of the Lord has touched the key to the hearts of his people and our wants will all be supplied.

The people of our two cities, Pittsburg and Allegheny, and vicinity, have contributed most generously to the purchase and support of this Home, and when the people of the United Presby-

terian church, outside our limit, will realize that this is not a local Home; that it belongs to the whole United Presbyterian church; that its doors will open to any member from the Pacific slope, as readily as to those within our own borders, and if each do even a small part, we will soon be rid of our indebtedness. There have been seven in the Home during these months. Two are from Allegheny; one from Wilkinsburg, Pa.; one from New Wilmington, Pa., one from Ohio, and one from Tarkio, Mo. The one who died was from Canonsburg, Pa., an old lady from Beaver county, Pa., was admitted by the Board on Friday April 28, and will come to the Home as soon as she can get ready, Friday, May 5, being the time set for her admission.

We invite all who have not seen our Home in Wilkinsburg, to do so at the first opportunity, and we feel sure you will be proud to say, "It is *our* Home."

Remember in your prayers our cause, our work, and when the night of old age shall leave its hoar frost on our heads, and our steps shall have lost the spring of youth, and we sit by our comfortable firesides waiting for the lengthening of only a few more shadows, we can feel that some lives have been made brighter and happier because we have done what we could.

The Orphans' Home.

After moving along for many years with but few changes in our corps of assistants, there have come to our Orphans' Home since last May many months of trial and anxiety. Like a home bereft of a tender mother's loving care, so has your "Home" passed through a season of bereavement in the loss of our devoted matron, Mrs. Mary Reid, who for fourteen years has filled the position, first of assistant, and, since the resignation of Mrs. Rose, that of matron. To gratify the wishes of her grown children, who wished her to provide a little home for them, she resigned her position in June last, to take effect after the Home was closed in August, but we being unsuccessful in finding the right person for the place, she remained with us several months longer, and it was not until the first week of the new year that we were able to secure a suitable person to fill the position.

This transition period had destroyed discipline, and Mrs. Frazier had much to contend with in bringing order out of confusion, but her firm yet kind and motherly control has won the hearts of the children, who now render her loving obedience. Things are moving along quietly, and we have been able to open again our long closed doors to the many children who had been waiting for months for admission. Consequently you will find our number received since last May has been much smaller than in previous years, and only dates from Feb. 1893, since which time we have admitted eighteen children. Our whole number at present in the Home is fifty. Of the eighteen received, thirteen were motherless, and three came from destitute homes where little had been done to train them mentally, morally or physically; and as far as we can judge, the Providence which removed them from their wretched home was truly a kind one.

Several of our children have gone out on trial the past year, and are happy indeed in being thus admitted to all the comforts and privileges of loving, Christian homes. It is our custom, when possible, to have two of our managers visit these homes before we send the children, and we continue to visit and correspond with them even after they have been indentured or adopted. We deem such supervision wise, as it is a proof that we do not wish to be relieved entirely of responsibility, although we have dismissed them to other care.

While we have had quite an epidemic of measles, mumps and chicken-pox during the winter, and two cases of scarlet fever, we record with gratitude that all have recovered, and that not one little lamb of our flock has been called away by death. But two more months of school remain, and then we hope to send them out into the sweet country air to sojourn till September. Last year the Home was closed during August, and had but few occupants during July. We shall look anxiously for the same generous hospitality to be extended to our children the coming vacation.

The library we asked for two years ago in our annual report, is growing nicely. Donations of money and books have come to us from various sources, and we

believe the day is not far distant when your Orphans' Home will possess a library of good books for the enjoyment of the children.

Donation Day, which we deem *so important*, and look forward to with such bright expectations, is fixed this year for June 1. Will not our good friends from all over this land *keep this day in mind?* It would be a new and pleasant feature if on that day the corresponding secretary could present letters from hundreds of our friends breathing words of cheer for our Home, and also containing some little token of their remembrance. When the first of June draws nigh we would that our sisters would say, "This will be Donation Day at our Orphans' Home, and we must send evidence that we are remembering it." Let us have that day a place in your thoughts, your prayers, your offerings, and we feel sure a rich blessing will descend upon your own souls as well as upon your church Home. Our expenses this year are heavier than usual, for the reason that much needs to be done in the way of repairs to the building as well as the renewal of carpets, matting, and furniture—just as it is in *our own homes*, only to a much larger extent; and to meet these extra expenses, we need the assistance of all our sisters of the church. It is *your* Home, and we try to keep it looking as we think you wish it to look. We owe to very many mission bands and societies, as well as to churches and individuals, many, *very many*, thanks for gifts of fruit, vegetables garments, and money, all of which came at most opportune times, and largely aided in maintaining our Home.

Do you ever become weary in listening to our oft repeated appeals for help in this work? Think for one moment of God's manifold gifts to you, and at your home. "So, freely received—as freely give." Those of you who gather around unbroken firesides, remember those little ones who are left orphans in this cold world, and whom we are trying to shelter.

The Board has also been called to part with our President of many years, Mrs. H. C. Campbell. The Association, of which she is also president, has reached such proportions that she conceived it her duty to give her whole time to it, as it is expected she should attend the Board meetings of each of the three institutions under the care of the Association, and she did not deem it wise for the President of the Association to be specially connected with any of these Boards. With deep regret we yielded to her conviction of duty, and Mrs. Geo. W. McDonald was unanimously chosen to fill the office of President.

Praying for the continued smiles of our Divine Father upon this work, and hoping for the continued aid from you, my sisters, we go earnestly on in our work of caring for these children of sorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY F. REED, Cor. Sec.

United Presbyterian Memorial Hospital.

The work of relieving suffering and preserving human life, is equally necessary with all other departments of missionary work. Christ, our Saviour, was the perfect missionary. His work of healing sin-sick souls was closely allied with that of "healing every sickness and every disease among the people".—Matt. 9:35.

When the United Presbyterian Women's Association, following the leadings of the Saviour, made ready a well-appointed home for orphan and friendless children, it was decided that no child suffering from any disease, or crippled in any way, could be admitted. The reason was obvious. A child suffering physically would require care and attention which it could not well receive in such a large family. Persons desiring to take any one of our children into their own homes, making them one of the family, naturally desired a perfectly healthy child. To find a Christian home for a child in good health is comparatively an easy matter; but the friendless child, with crippled or enfeebled body, what shall be done with it? At whose fireside is there a place and at whose table is there a vacant chair? Because the hearts of Christian mothers and friends have gone out in loving sympathy to these little ones whom God, in great wisdom and love, has seen best to afflict, we are enabled to present to you the *fourth* annual report of the United Presbyterian Memorial Hospital.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Much might be written and said that would be very interesting concerning your Hospital but in this brief report we shall only speak of the work accomplished during the past year and our hopes for the future.

Since our last report to you 101 patients have been admitted. The majority of these were from the Orphans' Home, and some very interesting cases came from outside. Our staff consists of Drs. C. Jane Vincent, C. B. King, C. H. Voight, Samuel McNaugher, J. S. Mabon and Walter Ure. Each physician is on duty two months in succession, and our little patients instead of dreading their coming, as is often the case among children, look forward with pleasure to their visits. They never tire of our frequent demands upon their time, strength and skill, and the only remuneration they receive is our "Thank you."

Our Board meets the third Wednesday of each month, and the meetings are well attended and interesting. Our treasurer has not missed *one* meeting for *three years and a half*. Some of the other members have been present at every meeting for almost two years. A visiting committee of two managers is appointed each month, whose duty it is to have a general supervision of the Hospital, visiting it very often and presenting written reports at the monthly meetings. Last January we elected Miss A. C. Johnson, matron. She is with us at present and is giving satisfaction.

We could fill this report by telling you of the interesting cases that come under our care. Since our last monthly meeting a little girl had the first joint of one of her toes taken off, and a little boy, having two thumbs on his left hand, had one of them removed. During the past winter we had a very busy time with cases of measles, chicken-pox and mumps. At times every bed was occupied and sick children in the Orphans Home waiting for admission. Just at this writing we have, among our other patients, a little girl with scarlet fever, in the "Mary E. McMillan" bed. She is getting along nicely, and we hope to have her about in a short time.

More than a year ago we established a "milk-fund," from which we hope to purchase every drop of milk used in the hospital. To-day we are glad to tell you that our friends throughout the church, and more especially the *boys* and *girls*, are manifesting an interest in this fund by contributing to it. We hope during the coming year that our young friends will remember us so generously that their gifts will not only purchase all the milk needed, but will overflow into the building fund.

And now, as to our hopes for the future. Many of you know that we are working at a great disadvantage when we have a number of contagious cases. Our contagious ward is small, poorly ventilated and not adapted to our needs. We are anxious that every case brought to us should be made as comfortable as possible. But in the present arrangement of our building we are crippled in our work. We hope in the near future you will help us by liberal gifts to make this feature of our work what it should be. After our little patients have passed the serious part of their illness and are on the road to complete recovery, it is necessary that they have a bright, cheerful room in which they can pass the weary days of convalescence. And one of our bright hopes for the future is that you will help by your prayers and contributions to give us a convalescent ward.

A number of times in the past year *women* have sought admission to our Hospital, and with two exceptions we have been obliged to refuse them. During the past summer one of our missionaries from the foreign field was treated and cared for, and we were glad to be able to open our doors to her. Our facilities for treating women are very meagre. We have but two full-sized beds, and often they are occupied by older children. Another bright hope for the future is that some day—very soon—the United Presbyterian church will, by its prayers and offerings, reach out and help women who are needing and desirous of the medical attention they would receive in your Hospital.

We praise God, that for more than two years death has not visited us. Although some of our little ones have hovered between life and death, yet the means and medicines used for their recovery have

been blessed of God, and it is with thankful hearts we record His goodness.

The interest in our work seems to be widening. A friend in New Mexico sends us a kindly word and a draft for fifty dollars. Checks and sums of money have come during the past year from Iowa, Kansas, Indiana, New York, Ohio, *India* and from various parts of our own state. Gifts of articles necessary for the successful carrying on of our work have been received during the year, and we return our sincere thanks to all who have in any way remembered us. When you go back to your homes and societies and plan and arrange the work for the coming year, we hope that you will remember at the throne of grace, and with silver and gold, THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

MRS. JEAN S. SANDS, Sec.

Committee on place of meeting reported. The Committee would recommend that the invitation from Princeton, Indiana, be thankfully accepted.

Signed, Mrs. J. C. Parker, Mrs. W. W. Bryson, Mrs. Jas. Walt, Mrs. Jas. C. Lynn, Mrs. Robt. Barnes. On motion, adopted.

Committee on nominations reported nine names for President; one for Secretary; one for Treasurer, and eight for Directors of the Women's General Missionary Society.

Two of the persons nominated for President asked to have their names withdrawn, but as it was, on motion, decided to declare the person having the highest number of votes president; the person having the second highest number of votes, 1st Vice President, and the person having the 3rd highest number of votes, 2nd Vice President, the ladies withdrew their objections, and the names were restored to the list of nominations for President, with the result as follows:

President, Mrs. John A. Henderson, Omaha, Neb.

1st Vice President, Mrs. W. S. Heade, Cambridge, Ohio.

2nd Vice President, Mrs. C. C. Kyle, Majors, Neb.

The President was requested to cast the vote which elected the Secretary, Mrs. Mary W. Porter, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Secretary was requested to cast the vote for Treasurer, which elected Miss E. J. Sloan, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Five members of the Board of Directors, to serve for three years:

Mrs. W. J. Reid, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dr. C. Jane Vincent, Allegheny, Pa.

Miss E. J. Sloan, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson, Allegheny, Pa.

Mrs. M. M. Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. E. M. Campbell moved, and it was carried, to place the MAGAZINE Committee on nomination. The Chair read the names of the Committee—Mrs. W. C. Hutchison, Mrs. J. G. Carson, Mrs. Belle M. Patterson and Miss Sallie McDowell, who were unanimously re-elected.

Mrs. Campbell moved, and it was carried, that the Literature Committee, who have served us so faithfully for the past year, be re-elected, with the addition of three persons. The committee as elected is composed of the following named persons: Mrs. E. M. Hill, Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, Mrs. E. J. McPherson, Mrs. W. J. Reid, Mrs. T. J. Gillespie, Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson and Miss Jennie Leech.

Mrs. E. M. Campbell, Chairman of Committee on Finance, reported as follows:

In order that the information, enthusiasm and spiritual growth to be obtained by attendance at the annual conventions of our General Missionary Society may be placed within the reach of the greatest possible number, your Committee on Finance recommend:

1st, The establishment of a permanent delegate fund.

2nd, That a Treasurer to take charge of this fund be elected annually by the General Missionary Society.

3rd, That this Convention fix a sum which shall be assessed upon every member of the missionary societies of the

church, to be paid annually to the presbyterial treasurers, and by them forwarded to the treasurer of the delegate fund.

4th, All presbyterial societies contributing their full assessment to this fund shall have the entire expenses of their full delegation paid; those contributing more than half, shall have half of expenses of delegation paid; and if less than one-half is paid into said fund, shall not be entitled to have any of the expenses of their delegation paid. Amended to read: "All presbyterials contributing to this fund shall be entitled to have the same proportion of their delegates' expenses paid as they have paid of the assessment for delegate fund."

5th. If the foregoing shall be adopted, your committee recommend a reduction of the basis of representation; that instead of presbyterials being entitled to two delegates for organization and one for every five auxiliaries, that the following be the rule: All presbyterials having five or less auxiliaries be entitled to one delegate, with an additional delegate for every additional five auxiliaries.

6th. All statements of expenses of delegates must be presented in writing to an Auditing committee, appointed by the President when the other committees are named at the opening of Convention, the treasurer of delegates fund to pay same amount to delegates when approved by Auditing committee.

Signed by committee,

MRS. E. M. CAMPBELL,
MRS. N. WYLIE STEVENSON,
MRS. THOS. I. STEWART,
MRS. M. M. PATTERSON.

After the adoption of the report, it was suggested, "That a fixed sum be named by the convention." After an interested discussion, it was on motion decided "That the sum be fixed at twenty five cents per member."

A motion to adopt this report, article by article, was carried. Chairman read, Article 1st; adopted. Article 2nd; adopted. Article 3rd; adopted. Many took part in the discussion preceding the adoption of the amendment, "That presbyterial associations shall receive from this fund in proportion to the amount paid in by its auxiliaries."

Lunch being announced, further action was deferred. Adjourned with benediction, pronounced by Rev. J. A. Henderson.

May 11th, 1:30 p. m.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. James M. Wallace, of Pittsburg, Pa., opened the afternoon session of the Convention.

Mrs. W. J. Reid, Secretary of Foreign work, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Department of the Women's Board.

In review of the past year, we are pleased to report that it has been a year of progress, both at home and abroad; a year full of blessing and encouragement, even though one of chastisement in one of our fields, where cholera, fever and famine made fearful ravages among idol-worshippers and followers of the false prophet. Though native Christians suffered severely from contagion and epidemics, our missionaries were kept from harm, and, with one exception, the names of our missionary women, married and unmarried, still have place on the roll of faithful ones who have gone out as messengers of truth to those sitting in heathen darkness and superstition. Mrs. Jean Given Anderson, one of the eight who sailed for India, October, 1891, has been called up higher, to mingle her voice with the voices of those who sing praises around the great white throne. Her name has been carved on the memory tablet of our Woman's Hospital at Sialkot, but she has a more lasting place in the hearts of those who came under her sweet and pious influence.

WORK AT HOME.

The contributions of missionary societies have given no indication of a backward tendency during the past year. On the contrary, a number of societies have shown increased interest by liberal contributions and the undertaking of special work, which required greater effort on their part than during other years.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The total amount of money contributed by missionary societies for Foreign mission work during the past year was $15,822.42. Of this amount $15,186.27 came into the treasurer of the Women's Board, making, with balances from year before, $24,221.54. $636.15 of the first amount was paid by a few societies direct to the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, and that Board has kindly allowed it to be credited on our women's work, and it has been reckoned in the following disbursements :

On salaries of 19 unmarried missionary women	$ 9,170 00
Girls' Schools, Egypt	746 33
" " India	807 82
Zenana work, Egypt	400 00
" " India	478 00
Outfit for two new missionaries	200 00
Traveling Expenses	300 00
Rawal Pindi	204 14
Building of Dispensary and wards at Jhelum, India	5,000 00
Maintenance of Medical work	1,670 00
Surgical Instruments	94 27
Native Evangelist	66 00
Miscellaneous small specials	36 57
Balance	5,048 41
	$24,221 54

It will be remembered that the last Convention approved the raising of $5,000 for the completion of dispensaries at Bhera and Jhelum, under the care of Dr. Sophie E. Johnson, with added accommodations for operations and a few indoor patients, where good care and nursing are indispensable; also the raising of money to send out two new missionary women to Egypt. We are happy to report that the whole $5,000 for the needed buildings has been forwarded, and that the work of construction is being carried on under the direction of Rev. T. L. Scott, who returned to India in the early part of last winter. Two devoted, earnest young women, Miss Amanda E. Jamieson and Miss Leanora J. McDowell, came forward and offered their services, and they have been in the field several months. The former went out with the Egyptian party which sailed from Philadelphia, Nov. 1, 1892. Miss McDowell departed a month later in company with Rev. T. L. Scott and family on their way to India. We wish to make especial mention of Miss McDowell's hurried preparations as an encouragement to those who think it requires lengthened preparations to get ready to go to either of our foreign fields. There may have been a very little done, during the days of preliminary correspondence, but just ten days intervened between the time of receiving appointment and the day of her departure from home. It does not require prophetic vision to predict successful work from a young woman who knows how to make such good use of time.

WORK FOR THE COMING YEAR.

We are not left to our own imaginations to plan what it should be, and ought it not to be a satisfaction to feel that the Lord, who has led us in times past, will still guide in the right direction if we strive to read the Divine will in the urgent calls that come to us for needed help from those best conversant with the work? Egypt and India are both stretching out their hands to us for more helpers. The fields are white with ripening harvests; the numbers are too few to gather a hundredth part. Some of our faithful ones have broken under the strain of over-work, and are on their way home to regain, if possible, lost health and strength. In the meanwhile souls are perishing. Satan is busy in trying to undo the work of years, because there are none to fill the vacant places. The appeal of our missionaries in India, published in the church papers a short time ago, does not tell the whole story of need. Instead of four vacant places this year, there are six. With those on the way home and in this country, five of the most experienced workers are off duty. One remains in the changed relation of wife and mother, and however much her heart may be in the work, there are other duties which must occupy a large part of her time. In Egypt there is still one vacancy to fill. One young lady has offered her services to go wherever most needed; she has received appointment, and will probably be assigned to this field, but with the filling of this vacancy, how little chance is there for advancement of the work?

From this simple statement of facts, we are sure that every one who reads, or hears, must form the conclusion for themselves that any further advancement, or even the holding of the present standing of our women's work, demands a greater number of workers. And this is the appeal that we bring to this con-

vention—the great, great need of more missionary women. What can we say that will touch hearts and make them respond to this Macedonian call of millions who are longing to know something of a religion that satisfies the soul, that lifts up its followers into a better and purer life; a religion that comforts the sorrowing, that teaches to be kind, patient and for bearing; a religion that worships the true God, instead of gods of wood and stone?

We know that it requires much self sacrifice to leave home and friends and go far away to the perishing ones who can never come to us to learn the way of salvation, but think, dear friends, of the honor of being co-workers with our blessed Saviour and the Holy Spirit in bringing about that time when all shall know the Lord; when every nation, kindred and tongue shall praise his name. In behalf of our plea, we recommend that for a time all new effort in special work in the Foreign department be directed to this one end, viz, the sending out of more missionary women and the providing for their support.

Quite a large number of societies are doing, perhaps, all that they are able to do in paying certain pledged amounts on the salaries of missionaries; others there may be that give just as they happen to have money in their treasury. If such societies could be induced to assume one months salary, or a half month's salary, of a foreign missionary each year, we are sure the result would enable your Board to considerably extend the present work. The average salary of a missionary woman is about $44.00 per month, not a large amount when we take into account the self-denial, the separation from home and friends. We ask societies to consider our simple plan for increased contributions, and perchance we may all be able to do better things for the Master's cause.

Counting the number of women in our church who rejoice in the hope of salvation, and estimating how much might be contributed by careful and consecrated management, we must confess that our sacrifices, though amounting to thousands of dollars, hardly deserve the name of sacrifices for the Lord. Thankful we should be that we have been able to do something, and that the Master has recognized and so richly crowned our labors. May the successes of the past strengthen and encourage our hearts for the future. We may not live—we will not live—to see the fulfilment of our largest hopes; others, however will take up the work when we are at rest and carry it on; but when the great harvest day shall come, and the ripened sheaves shall be brought home, those who sow, and those who reap will rejoice together.

Carefully prepared reports of work by our missionaries have been received, which are herewith submitted. We regret that want of space in the Minutes required abreviation, but they serve to show the faithful work that is being accomplished.

Women's Work in Egypt, 1892.

The return of warm weather reminds us that soon large numbers of enthusiastic, energetic, pious women will meet to consult about the work of the women in our church, and to plan for still greater usefulness and more extensive work. In reporting the work done in Egypt, and the present state of things, there is very much to encourage, although there are not as many conversions as we would wish. And now let me ask, Do our ladies at home, in praying for our work, (which is theirs) exercise that faith that will have its reward? Jesus will honor your faith as He did the faith of those who brought the sick to Him for healing.

The leaven of the gospel is hidden away in many places—in quiet homes and villages, but it will leaven the whole lump in God's own time; and even those who at the present seem to have only head knowledge, will yet confess Christ as King. "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance." As Moslems took Christian churches for mosques, so we believe that some day mosques will be meeting places for those who follow Christ. The day does not seem near, but with God all things are possible. There are few women among the followers of the false prophet who attend our service, or who learn to read, but there are some who hear the word gladly though with fear, and some have said, "What sweet words," when they hear the promises of the Bible. The

most interesting case, perhaps because the most hopeful, is that of a young woman who was so zealous in religion that she made the pilgrimage to Mecca four times, and afterwards thought she would like to become a physician so that she might be of use to her country women. She was accordingly sent to Cairo to enter the medical college, but failing in the examination there, she was advised to enter our mission boarding-school for girls in Cairo, where she now is. Her desire after religion made her intensely interested in all the meetings for prayer, and it was not long until in the school prayer-meetings her voice was heard in sentence prayers, or more lengthy ones, and always closing in the name of Christ. On different occasions her voice could be heard in sobs, either in the Friday evening general prayer-meeting or on Sabbath mornings during the service. When asked why she weeps she has answered sometimes, "Can any one hear these things and not mourn for his sins," or, in the language of the apostle, "I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart." How many of our American sisters will pray for such persons who are in distress of mind.

The great hope for Mohammedan women is in the education of the girls, and there are many in our city schools. There is an effort often made by their friends to keep these girls from learning the Bible, and some are taken out of school when this request is refused, one man remarking, "These children are young, and what they learn now, they will never forget." Do we not realize that the verses and Psalms learned orally, when they first enter school, may be like good seed in good soil?

There are under the care of our mission one hundred and seven schools for children in Egypt, thirteen of which are for girls only. In the villages there are 848 names enrolled, but some are taught in schools for boys. In the other girls' schools there are 1,343 enrolled. These central schools are generally a center for gatherings in their neighborhoods for prayer-meetings, missionary societies, &c., and also for Bible women. The two boarding-schools are especially good for training the girls in religion and housekeeping, as well as the ordinary branches of education, and it is a pleasure to see how many of these pupils have, for a longer or shorter time, helped in teaching others, or who now exert an influence for good as wives of pastors and teachers. Girls' schools open up many houses for the visits of missionary ladies or Bible women, and it is seldom the children taught do not have a warm affection for those who taught them, whether native or foreign, and prejudices are removed.

It has sometimes been said to missionary ladies while conducting the cottage prayer-meetings, by nominal Christians present, "Why that is in our Bible," they having been led to think our ideas are so erroneous, we must have a Bible of our own. During the five months that the Coptic patriarch was banished, the women could offer an excuse for not attending their church services, as they feared the curse the patriarch had pronounced against the vicar and all who followed him. The women hear and understand so little, when they do attend, it is not surprising that they are careless about going. Some of the missionary ladies have opportunities to speak to priests about the need of their teaching the women the doctrines of religion when they visit the houses, a thing they are not in the habit of doing. One priest remarked, "As long as the women are ignorant, their responsibility is less." There are many earnest pastors in our evangelical church who have meetings for women, however, and also evangelists and teachers who do much in giving line upon line, or verse after verse, to those who are willing to take lessons. These teachers are in some cases young girls who go out to teach, or women who are employed their whole time for it, or it may be that those who give the lessons are blind men, or others who will be acceptable among the women. In the villages there is greater freedom for the women, and there the majority of the learners are Protestants, or those who have relatives in our church. In other places the larger number are Copts, and in the cities there are some other religions, including Mohammedans and Jews. In Alexandria there is the largest number of Jewesses taking lessons in their houses, and many children are in the schools. In Cairo, it has

so happened that the four Jewish women who take lessons are in the districts where the teachers are young girls, and in both cases the teachers said, "We are afraid to go to the Jews." The cause of the fear is not well defined. I have often felt anxious about our young teachers going into all sorts of houses and streets, but God has answered prayer for their safety.

In making up the statistics for 1892, the following items may be of interest. There are seventy-four different prayer-meetings in a week held for women, with an average attendance of 1236, of whom 854 are women and 382 girls. Women reported who can lead in prayer in these meetings, 435. The whole number of communicants at the end of the year was 3871, of whom 1575 are women. There are twenty-seven teachers for women, with an enrollment of 988, who are learning to read, or who take regular lessons from a teacher; of these 210 are Protestants, 611 Copts, and 167 of other religions.

There are seven missionary societies reported: three in Cairo, one in Assiout, one in Mansoura, one in Koos, one in Assouan, and one in Alexandria. The total membership is 290, with subscriptions amounting to 202.35. The money thus collected is partly used for paying the salaries of zenana teachers, there being now three thus employed by presbytery's zenana fund. The work thus done is well spoken of by those who have the superintendence of them, and we hope the sum collected will increase the present year, and more extensive work be done. We have tried to teach the people the duty of giving for the Lord's work, and many of them do nobly. One young teacher lately gave her first month's salary, half to the building of the church in Fisher, and the other half for the church in Nimich.

The missionary ladies have much to be thankful for in regard to health during the past year, and for opportunities for teaching, either in the various schools and Sabbath-schools, or in the houses of the people, and in going from village to village. All are most kindly received everywhere.

We are thankful for the return of some who were absent, and also for the arrival of those who are now learning the language, whether they are married or single. The work is great, and calls for more money and more workers every where. Are you all willing to consecrate your money and your lives to Christ, whether for home or foreign work?

(This report was prepared by Miss Anna Y. Thompson.)

Report of Women's Work in India.

SIALKOT DISTRICT.

Miss Annie F. Given and Miss Mary Martin, having been assigned to this district, immediately after the annual meeting, in company with their faithful Bible woman, Mariana, started out among the villages, returning occasionally to Sialkot City to look after the zenanas there. A large number of villages were visited between January and July. Miss Given says: "We found very few Christian women in these villages who could tell much about their religion, but they seemed glad to see us, and some were eager to be taught. At Atroh, a new place, quite a number of women were baptized, and so anxious were they to learn that our hearts were very much encouraged. This happy state of things was perhaps off-set in the next village by great indifference, the women having gone backward for lack of instruction or right kind of influences. Early in July I was compelled to give up my work and go to the hills. Dr. Clark, of Dharmsala, ordered absolute rest and a furlough home, so I have asked permission to return to America."

Miss Martin, going over the same field in the fall, says: "I found improvement in some respects. Those who had been baptized had not departed from the fervor of their first love, and in Ada, where the Roman Catholics had established themselves, there was a decided gain. We occasionally visited the Leper Asylum, but the afflicted inmates manifested little interest in the gospel message. During the month of July a Bible school for workers was held, which we hope will show good results. Daily prayer-meetings were held, and the singing of Bhajans was one of our great attractions. The chief hindrances in our work were Miss Given's illness, my own imperfect knowledge of the language, and sickness among the people."

ZAFARWAL.

Miss Kate Corbett and Miss Mary J. Campbell are located in this district with Dr. and Mrs. James S. Barr. Of work among Christian women Miss Campbell writes: "Our summer school for Bible study was attended by young Christian women, the wives and sisters of catechists and teachers. The systematic teaching of those five weeks has been more far reaching for good than we had dared to hope, and the results of this work have been seen during our itinerating this fall. These young women passed very creditable examinations in those portions of the Bible studied. We found some of them engaged in voluntary work among their less favored sisters. A few have promised to undertake the bringing of little girls into Sabbath-school classes. Cholera and fever carried off thousands of our village people during the past summer and autumn, and many of the Christians suffered terribly. In a family of eight only one remained. Hundreds of Christian homes were made to sorrow over the death of some loved one. One whole district was filled with mourning. The patience and fortitude shown by the women during those sad days may well be imitated by some who know more of God's love. There has not been any great advancement in knowledge because of much sickness, but growth in many of the Christian graces has been very marked."

Miss Corbett speaks of the work among the non-Christian women thus: "Before going into camp we had decided to divide our time equally between Christian and non-Christian women, and we were much encouraged by the quiet attention, and sometimes eager listening, to our message. The story of Christ, the Son of God who came into the world to save sinners, was told large audiences of Mohammedans, and no dissenting voice raised; quietly they listened, and quietly they separated and went their several ways when the talk was over. Perhaps the trials through which they had passed last summer made them willing to listen to the word of life. We feel, as never before, the burden of the thousands of ignorant women who are ready to hear of the way of salvation, and we are the only ones to tell it to them in this part of the field."

EAST GUJRANWALA.

Miss Rose A. McCullough located here says: "When in the city I spent much of my time going from house to house among the Christian women, entreating, reproving and trying to get them to understand the Bible way of living. During the hot season special work was undertaken in two villages just outside the city walls, among a very low and despised class of people. Though oftentimes told that giving attention to such people was a waste of time, I do not feel that my labor has been altogether in vain. Sometimes when reading and talking to them about the sins so common among them, they say, 'We used to do so and so because we did not know that it was wrong; now we are trying to break off and find it very hard.' In the larger village there are five baptized women. A weekly prayer-meeting is held with an average attendance of 20. In the smaller the average attendance at the prayer-meeting was 11 for the year. A very old woman, baptized many years before, was a faithful attendant upon these meetings; bending under the weight of years, leaning upon her staff, she was always there when able to go out. Our old friend died at the close of the year, and we feel that she has entered into everlasting peace.

"In the district we met with many of our married school girls, who invited us to their homes, showed us much kindness and gave us opportunities for speaking to their friends and relatives about Jesus. A considerable part of our time was given to visiting the sick. Quinine and other medicines were furnished as needed."

WEST GUJRANWALA.

Of this part of the district Miss Josephine L. White reports: "During the summer our work in the city was carried on as usual. There was no falling off in the number of our zananas, but instead, a considerable increase. We have been forbidden to teach in a very few houses, but as Mrs. Murry and myself must both be in the district, or among the villages in the winter, work among non-Christian women is entirely stopped during the tenting season. Lately we

have been staying longer in the villages. This has given opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the people. One great trouble has been to get these poor people to properly observe the Sabbath. When urged to keep the day as the Lord commands, they almost always reply, 'What will we eat if we do not work, as we only get enough grain for each day's food?' Some have promised to try to work a little harder or longer on each of the six working days, and so lay by for the Sabbath supply. Others are afraid of their masters, and say, 'If we refuse to work on Sabbath, we will no longer be given employment.' We remind them that Hindoo women keep one day sacred to their gods of wood and stone, and that the Sabbath is the Christians right."

GURDASPUR AND PATHANKOT.

The two Miss Wilsons are laboring among the women of these districts. Of work among Christians Miss Cynthia Wilson reports: "During the past year, 1892, we were enabled to devote four full months to itinerating work. In the summer we were able to visit frequently and give instruction in four villages near Gurdaspur, and where the local teachers have been faithful, commendable progress has been made. There are eight Bible women at work in these districts. One has charge of a little school of ten pupils. In the summer, while Rev. Campbell was teaching the men, these Bible women, save one who could not leave her family, were collected for a course of Bible instructions. We think much good will result from this, and hope hereafter to make it a yearly feature of our work. We have also three schools for little girls under our care, with about 40 pupils in them all, half or more are from Christian families; all doing well.

"In consequence of fever and other diseases there have been many deaths among our people. The sympathy and help we have given seem to have been much appreciated. The hope of meeting loved ones, who have gone before to the heavenly home, has been a great comfort to many sorrowing ones."

Of our work among non-Christians, Miss Rose Wilson reports: "Many heathen were visited while working among Christians. Nearly all of the villages within reach of Gurdaspur are heathen. When on account of heat and distance we could not reach the Christian villages we have done what we could in the villages near at hand. Because of much sickness and the loss of loved ones the hearts of many were softened, and better attention was given to the comforting words of the gospel. A few seemed more hardened and said: 'We don't see why God should take away our husband or son.' On the whole our work has been very encouraging. In very few houses have we been refused a seat. In one village we were refused necessary provisions, and sometimes called scornful names, but the servant is not greater than the Master, and we do not complain. Truly a great door is open in this field but there are many adversaries to contest the way."

JHELUM.

Miss Elizabeth Gordon reports the work of the city; "Though the last year has been a peculiarly trying one, the work has been continued with some interruptions. Cholera and fever have been great hindrances, and some of the time have kept us out of the city. Mrs. James, an earnest Bible woman, reports 230 houses open, where she has given 250 Bible readings, beside reading to hundreds of others as they sat spinning cotton in the narrow streets or lanes. It is believed that many of these women are christian at heart. A Hindu woman, a widow of wealth, always welcomes the reading of the Bible, because it comforts her in her trouble, and when told how collections were taken up in Christian lands for the Lord's work, she expressed a desire to give something for the same purpose. Two contributions have been brought to our prayer-meetings, and once she recited John 14:6, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.' It is very encouraging to see a Hindu woman, who has been taught to believe in the transmigration of souls, read of the new birth and explain what she reads understandingly.

"The second Bible woman, Marion Rahim Khan, has been working in a part of the city where the people, with few exceptions, are Mohammedans. She reports forty-seven houses open to her, that she has been kindly received, and has given 428 Scriptural readings."

BHERA.

Dr. S. E. Johnson reports the zenana work for Bhera: "The workers here complain greatly over the lack of companionship. Even the men complain, and custom makes it very much harder for a woman to go about alone. At Miani the Bible woman found exceedingly uphill work for a time, but she is succeeding at last, and forty-seven houses are now reported open to her. Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson, wife of an evangelist, lives in a village where custom is more liberal, and she finds little difficulty in going out alone; hence good work has been done there."

SCHOOLS.

We have only one boarding-school for girls in India, located at Sialkot. Miss McCahon has had charge of it most of the time since it was started. Her brief report is expressive of much care, responsibility and hard work: "At the close of the year the school numbered sixty-two pupils. One girl, the first since the school began, finished the prescribed course, and she is now a teacher in the school. For the first time since the opening of the school, we record the death of one of our girls, Māssau, who was supported by the Dorcas Society of the 8th church of Pittsburgh, Pa. She died of quick consumption, and was one of nine girls who made a profession of faith in April, the only occasion during the year that the Lord's supper was dispensed in the congregation. A society of Christian Endeavor was organized in June; it has been kept up during the year since with a good degree of interest. The Edna Patton Morrison memorial prize was distributed this year for the first time. A good degree of interest has been manifested by the girls in their lessons."

MEDICAL WORK.

The usefulness and benefit of medical work, in connection with other missionary enterprises, are being proven year by year. Something of its possibilities are shown in the reports of Dr. Maria White and Dr. Sophie E. Johnson. Of the work at Sialkot, India, the former says: "December 31, 1892, closed the most successful year in the history of the Memorial Hospital. Steady and satisfactory advancement was made in every department. The number of outdoor or dispensary patients considerably exceeded that of other years; new patients, 7,697; old patients, 9,136; total, 17,833. Indoor patients, 190. Some operations of special interest were performed, among which is recorded the case of a young Mohammedan girl thirteen years of age, brought to the hospital by her mother, who expressed the wish that this daughter might die, as she had six others. An operation resulted in complete recovery, but the mother failed to express any gratitude for the recovery of her child. Two native young women, having passed creditable examinations in the study of a medical course, were given certificates; one remained as assistant in the Memorial Hospital, the other returned to her home. Bible instruction was carried on as usual in both dispensary and indoor departments, and Sabbath services were well attended by women from the city and near villages, as well as by convalescents and assistants, with marked interest. For various reasons, the Pasrur branch dispensary was closed the most of the year, but during the short time it was open, over 5,000 patients were treated. In district work, in company with Rev. T. F. Cummings, encampment was made in seven villages, and twenty other surrounding ones were visited. The teaching and examining of Christians in some of the places was quite discouraging, but in others there were some pleasant changes. The people who stoned us last year gave us a welcome this time. Owing to epidemics, the medical work has been very heavy this year. Diseases of the most serious character prevailed, but we are thankful to God for the strength given to us to do this great work, and the many evidences of his kindness and favor."

Of medical work at Jhelum and Bhera, Dr. Johnson reports: "The past year has been remarkable for sickness. Cholera visits parts of India every year, but it gave the Punjab more than a passing call this time. Mohammedans and Hindus were so thoroughly aroused over the fearful visitation that they began to inquire the cause of the dreadful scourge. Both came to the conclusion that it was due to sin. The Hindus offered a buffalo as a sin-offering, and the Mohammedans

paraded the streets at night, headed by their priests weeping and praying that the plague might be stayed. As we heard the awful wails we thought of Egypt mourning over the death of the first born. Fever of a severe and fatal type followed close in the wake of cholera and carried off almost as many victims. Our dispensary was daily thronged, to more than its extent, and mortality was especially great among the little ones. The unusual severity of the winter, and high prices of food, have added much to the suffering of the people, and we have been obliged to supply other necessities beside medicine. 19,360 have been treated in the two dispensaries. Two faithful and competent English assistants have aided greatly in our work. 17 indoor patients have been taken charge of, though we have no regular hospital.

"Bible work has been given the usual attention, and by means of pictorial cards with texts we have been able to reach a very large number of people beside outpatients. Because of press of work at the the stations, we failed to do very much district work. Some generous grants for our work have been given by municipal authorities, which we could not have gotten on very well without, especially in such a trying year as the past.

"In answer to the question asked by some, what has medical work done toward establishing the kingdom of Christ? we cannot say, but He who commanded the preaching of the gospel also said: 'As ye go heal the sick.' Christ's kingdom has to do with the body as well as the soul, and he cares for the one as well as the other. By caring for the body we can reach the soul. Through gratitude for relief from suffering, we are enabled to present the Great Physician of souls. An incident at Bhera illustrates this. Our catechist, John Patterson, one day while visiting among the villages, was invited by a family to enter their house and eat. Surprised at so unexpected a kindness he asked, 'Do you know me?" The reply was, 'No, but we know Miss Sahib, the Doctor, and you belong with her.' "

Dr. Johnson desires special mention made of the fact that all the missionaries carry simple medicines with them in their daily rounds, and that much relief is thus given to those with whom they come in contact.

These condensed reports only give a bird's eye view of the great work that is carried on in Egypt and India by our faithful bands of missionaries. Sustain them, dear friends, by your prayers, and a hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,
MARY B. REID, Cor. Sec'y.

Secretary of Junior work, Mrs. Jennie H. Gillespie, of Pittsburg, gave a report of this work, which contained much useful instruction regarding this branch of the work, which promises to create the greatest interest among the young people of the church. Questions were asked by those interested and answered by Mrs. Gillespie and Mrs. M. C. Porter leaders in this branch of work.

Report of Junior Missionary Work.

Children's work has been carried on with varying results for many years; mission band work is not a new thing by any means, yet many earnest workers have long felt that much more ought to be done in this direction. At your last meeting in Philadelphia this subject was presented and fully discussed. As the result of that conference, the following motion was made and adopted:

"That this society instruct its Board to appoint a secretary of Young Women's work, and that she during the ensuing year work up this mission band work so that this new wheel may be ready to revolve with all the other wheels of this society at our meeting in Omaha in 1893."

In compliance with this instruction the the Board, in October, appointed a general secretary. The present secretary, although feeling that more experience, more time and ability, were required for this work than she possessed, yet consented to start the work, for the meeting in Omaha in 1893 was coming very near.

As soon as possible, the officers of each presbyterial society were notified of this action and requested to appoint a presbyterial secretary. I give you this history so you may understand when and how this movement originated.

Let me say here that presbyterial secretaries were promised a plan of work,

and this plan is the one brought out in the conference on Junior work at Philadelphia, 1892 (See July MAGAZINE, 1892, page 407. In explaning this plan I will begin at the foundation. In each congregation there are two missionary societies, or, if you like it better, one society and a branch. The senior society is the Women's missionary society, and the branch is the Junior missionary society, composed of all younger than the women's society, which is again divided, according to age and sex, into Young Women's missionary society, a boys' band, a girls' band, and into the still younger bands of boys and girls. These bands may call themselves by any name they choose, but collectively they are the Junior missionary society; also to each society belongs a cradle roll, or Little Light Bearers, as you may please to call them. This is intended to include all children under five years. A child becomes a member by the annual payment of twenty-five cents. This may seem like carrying the organization too far. Let me ask when did Hannah consecrate Samuel to the Lord? When did she begin to have him trained for the Lord's service? What was the result?

"When Frederick the second made war against Queen Maria Theresa, she appeared before the Diet bearing in her arms her boy, the archduke. The sight of the heir to their thronc so wrought upon the people that the war-cry went forth from that moment, Let us die for our queen.' In the arms of the mothers of to-day lie the future rulers and defenders ot church and state. The thought of this, more than the sight of Queen Maria Theresa before the Hungarian Diet, points out the great responsibility and opportunity of Christian womanhood."—*Bible Teacher*. Let me emphasize—have all the young people, have all the children in the society bring in outsiders.

The leader in each society, with as many assistants as she may need, shall be appointed by the Women's missionary society, and shall report to that society and to the presbyterial secretary. Presbyterial secretary shall be appointed by the presbytery and shall have charge of the Junior work in the presbytery, and make a yearly report to the presbytery and to the general secretary. The general secretary shall be appointed by the Board and shall report to the Women's General missionary society and shall use all available means for increasing and strengthening the work.

Although this work was not taken up until October 26, presbyterial secretaries have reported ready for work, and some have already started. This is very encouraging and promises well for the future.

PRESBYTERIAL SECRETARIES.

Miss Ida E. McKibben.....Central Illinois
Miss Mamie McCreight.....Rock Island
Miss Mary E. Kerr.....Indiana
Mrs. Anna M. Johnston.....1st Ohio
Mrs. Mary K. Stewart.....Conemaugh
Mrs. Mary E. Reider.....Sidney
Miss Mattie Graham.....Chicago
Miss Hattie Eversall.....N. Iowa
Miss Alta Henderson.....Garnet
Miss Jennie Pressly.....Lake
Miss Jennie Blakely.....Delaware
Mrs. H. A. Burnside.....Des Moines
Miss Mary E. Wilson.....Chartiers
Mrs. T. E. Holliday.....Sialkot
Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson.....Allegheny
Mrs. E. M. Hill.....Monongahela
Mrs. Mattie Carson.....Le Clair
Mrs. Anna P. White.....Arkansas Valley
Miss Kate Hebberd.....Caledonia
Miss Jennie Stevenson.....Westmoreland
Mrs. C. F. Craig.....Muskingum
Miss Ella McBryde.....Mercer
Mrs. J. B. Carruthers.....Xenia
Miss Mary McCan.....Beaver
Miss Lizzie Hood.....Kansas
Miss S. C. Patterson.....New York

These names are given as the first secretaries; others are not here, not because of lack of interest in the work, but because they have not seen their way clear to organize yet, though they are preparing to fall in line, and at our next meeting many more presbyteries will be enrolled. Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE H. GILLESPIE.

An address, as follows, by Mrs. W. P. McNary, of Tarkio, Mo., entitled, "Teaching the Bible in Junior Societies," was then given. A blackboard exercise was included in this very instructive talk.

Teaching the Bible in Junior Societies.

It is pleasant to meet this afternoon those who are interested in junior work. Love for the little ones binds *us* and all the world in sympathy. The tender consideration shown to children by our Lord finds an echo in the heart of each of his followers. The kindly hands of the

Saviour resting so gently on the heads of the precious little ones, and his strong arms encircling them while the words of blessing were pronounced, have made their *impress* on christendom. Training young *hearts* to love him, and little hands to serve him, is part of our every day life as mothers.

The Jewish mothers who brought their children to Christ for his blessing long time treasured the words he spoke: "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not." Some of us have followed little feet down to the river of death, and held the cold hands until they went into the waters, and then we have thanked God for the words, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven.

The last command of our Saviour to Peter, "*feed my lambs*," rests upon us today. The Christian church is awaking to the importance of this work, as the earnest efforts of thousands of Sabbath-school teachers and junior workers will testify. While the Junior society, under its present name, is of recent date, substantially the same work in mission band or children's society has been carried on for many years. The teaching of the Junior society is a work of the greatest importance. Let those who thus serve the Master, consecrate heart and mind to this work. This society being made up of boys and girls who are of impressible age, it is of the utmost importance that their first religious impressions be strong and true. As the clay is in the potter's hands, to be molded at his will, so is the child in the hands of the teacher. The pliant tendril of the vine is thrown around a branch of the oak, and soon becoming hard and strong bears up the vine through autumn's fruit and winter's storm. And the affections of children may be so drawn out toward their heavenly Friend that in all the responsibilities and adversities of after years they may find a stronghold there. This formative period in childhood is the teacher's opportunity.

Do not let it pass unimproved, but tell the children of Christ, their friend and Saviour who died to save them, and who is bending low to hear even the faintest prayer of their hearts. Teach them to love and trust Him, to tell Him of their sorrows and joys, to tell Him when they have done wrong, to make Him their confidant. The response from the heart of the child is often a surprise to an older Christian, the simple, earnest faith putting our own to shame, and recalling the words of Jesus, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven."

The object for which the Junior society is organized is the *conversion* of its members and their development in Christian character. The *Word of God* is the means to be used to accomplish these purposes. The Psalmist says, "The entrance of thy word giveth light, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, "Thy precepts make glad the heart." This infallible, unerring guide never grows old. This wonderful book fills the wants of the human heart as completely now as in the olden time. It is a well of truth unfathomed, a mine of wealth untold. For ages upon ages it has been searched by the wisest, most learned, the holiest of mankind, and yet its depths have not not been sounded. Its truths are such that they confound the mighty, but are made plain to babes. Most wonderful of books, greatest of miracles! except the incarnation; indeed it is an incarnation, a very word made flesh.

Perhaps it is needless to urge upon you, who are training souls for Christ, the importance of teaching the Bible. Whatever else is left out, *teach the Bible* in the Junior society. When God chose a people for his own, he first taught them the law. He commanded them to write it on their door-posts, to talk of it to their children when they walked by the way. When Christ chose his disciples he taught them the beatitudes, and the Lord's prayer. Let us follow these examples, and teach first the law and the gospel, as found in the commandments, the Lord's prayer, the beatitudes and the twenty-third psalm.

It is well to have these in permanent form on the wall where it is practicable, even if they should be printed by the teacher's own hand. A short drill on one of these at each meeting, until they can be perfectly recited, is beneficial to the class in several ways, and it is always interesting when recited in concert. To know the names of the books of the Bible is a very necessary part of religious

education. For this drill a chart is helpful; it may be made by the leader if no other is easily obtained, containing the initial letter of each of the 66 books; also the number of books of each class—5 of the law, 12 of history, 17 of prophecy, 5 of poetry.

A book by Israel P. Black, called The Books of The Bible for Little Children, will be very helpful to the teacher, and those who are not familiar with it will be surprised to find how many interesting exercises may be formed from this lesson. It is much easier for children to memorize than older persons, and after this is learned the names of the twelve patriarchs may be taken up, first writing them on the blackboard in pairs, thus:

Reuben and Simeon, Gad and Asher. Levi and Judah, Issichar and Zebulun Dan and Naphtali, Joseph and Benjamin and weaving these into a story as you go. Tell the children of the twelve brothers who lived long ago, and tell some characteristic of each; then follow this up by the division of Israel into tribes, with the names of these brothers at the head of the tribes, and draw a map of Palestine, and write the divisions on it. Thus will be impressed on the youthful minds these important lessons in history and geography. The names of the judges and of the kings, and of apostles may be learned in the same way. However care should be used not to continue any of these exercises more than a few minutes at any one time.

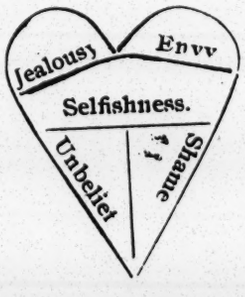
Every Bible student will recognize at once the difficulty in teaching chronology to old or young, and yet its importance is acknowledged. Let us make a special effort to fix firmly in the mind of our classes some principal dates, for these learned in youth will never be forgotten. For instance, the time from creation to Christ, 4000 years, may be divided into 4 periods.

Creation to Christ { Enoch 1000, Abram 1000, Solomon 1000, Christ 1000 } 4000 years

Put this on the blackboard and drill the class on it. Then the New Testament epoch of 100 years, from the birth of Christ to the death of John, may be illustrated in a similar way. This chronology makes a convenient foundation for teaching Bible history.

The use of the blackboard is very helpful in impressing the lesson on a class. Do not be afraid of it or conclude that only an artist can use it. Oftentimes a few strokes, not necessarily artistic, will bring out the idea and cause it to take hold of the mind. Children have vivid imaginations. Take, for example, a little boy drawing the bald spot on his father's head representing it by a little circle, with a few hair lines at right angles around it. (Here the speaker drew the bald spot on the board.) Lessons may be taught from the foot, the hand, the eye, the ear, the heart, by drawing the figures on the board, and placing appropriate verses on it.

Or, as is done by Mrs. Porter, of Allegheny,—one of our best Junior society teachers, the object may be drawn on paper, and the verses placed on it, and one given to each member of the class. A very beautiful lesson has been suggested to me on the heart. Tell the children first of a home where a visitor is expected. Ask how they make ready for a visitor, the room clean and inviting and how they give him a warm welcome. Speak to them of a heavenly visitor, and follow with this verse: "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and sup with him and he with me." Ask who this heavenly visitor is and when he knocks. Then draw a heart and put five rooms in it; put in them jealousy, envy, selfishness, unbelief and shame.



The heart is very full of such things without Christ. Describe these guests already in the heart. Jesus cannot come in; ask what can be done. Turn these wicked guests out (rub out all but the initials), and you will have JESUS left. Interesting lessons may be made from lists of questions, giving these out at one

meeting to be answered at the next, on the fishes, the fowls, the sheep, the birds, etc., of the Bible. The ingenuity of the teacher may be exercised, without limit, in this line.

Our next illustration is from the New Testament. We will draw a star, representing Christ, the Saviour.

The following letters placed in the points are initials of his characteristics—K. S. L. T. L. Many verses might be cited, but we will give only brief ones.

K.—"He is born *king* of the Jews."

S.—"A *Saviour* which is Christ the Lord."

L.—"I am the *Light* of the world."

T.—"I am the *Truth*."

L.—"A *Leader* and commander of the people."

For our closing illustration we will take the lesson of Sabbath, May 28, Prov. 31:10-31.—The virtuous woman. Let us represent this perfect woman by a circle, which is a perfect figure.

We will place in the center the fear of God, Prov. 31:30.—"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." This is the motive from which springs all her actions, and the center of all her characteristics. We will divide the circle into seven parts, and place an initial letter in each, representing her characteristics, as follows: F. I. K. S. F. B. W.

Faithfulness.—The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, &c. Verses 11, 12, 23.

Industry.—She seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. Verses 13, 19, 22, 24, 27.

Kindness.—In her tongue is the law of kindness. Verses 26, last clause, 28, 29.

Strength.—She girdeth her loins with strength and strengtheneth her arms. Verses 17, 25, 26.

Forethought.—She is like the merchant ships, she bringeth her food from afar. Verses 14, 21, 25.

Benevolence.—She stretcheth out her hands to the poor. Verse 20.

Wisdom.—Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her, &c. Verses 31, 16, 18, 24.

Place on the circumference of this circle Unselfishness. This perfect woman is an Old Testament character, with the spirit of the New Testament. Like Jesus she came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

It was decided next to hear the recommendations of the General Assembly's committee in reference to the charter of the Women's General Missionary Society. The Board of Directors appointed Mrs. H. C. Campbell to present this report. This was accordingly done by the reading of the articles relating thereto.

The following draft of a charter prepared by the Women's Board, in conjunction with the committee appointed by the General Assembly, was presented and adopted, as follows:

CHARTER OF THE WOMEN'S BOARD.

BE IT KNOWN, That the subscribers have associated themselves together for the purpose of supporting missions and medical missionary institutions, and of erecting mission churches and homes for missionaries, in this and other countries, being desirous of becoming incorporated agreeably to the provisions of the act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled, "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved the 29th day of April, A. D. 1874, and its supplements, do hereby declare and certify that the following are the purposes, objects, articles, and conditions of their said association, for and upon which they desire to be incorporated:

I. NAME.—The name of the corporation shall be "The Women's Board of Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of North America."

II. OBJECT.—The corporation is formed for the purpose of co-operating with the Boards of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, in the support of missions and medical missionary institutions, and of erecting mission churches and homes for missionaries, in this and other countries, subject to the General Missionary Society and the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

III. PLACE.—The place where the business of the corporation is to be transacted is in the city of Pittsburgh, in the state of Pennsylvania.

IV. EXISTENCE.—The corporation is to have perpetual existence.

V. SUBSCRIBERS.—[Under this section are recited the names and residences of the fifteen persons now constituting the Board of Directors.]

VI. STOCK AND MEMBERS.—The corporation has no capital stock. It shall be composed of fifteen members, who shall be citizens of Pennsylvania, chosen by the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America to serve for three years, five being elected each year; the first named five of the subscribers shall serve for one year, the second five for two years, and the third five for three years.

VII. POWERS.—The corporation shall have power to receive by donation or bequest, to purchase and to hold such real and personal property as its purposes may require, not exceeding the amount limited by law, and the same to dispose of at pleasure, provided that there shall be no sale or transfer of real estate except by a vote of two-thirds of the members at a regular meeting, or at one called for the special purpose; it shall hold all its property, real and personal, in trust for the United Presbyterian Church of North America, and in the event of dissolution of the corporation, said property shall inure to the Trustees of the General Assembly of the said United Presbyterian Church, to be appropiated by them to the objects and uses for which it was contributed; it shall be the legal representative of the Women's General Missionary Society; it shall have power to adopt and use a common seal, the same to break, alter, amend, and renew; to sue and be sued; to make, amend, and repeal by-laws, subject to the approval of the Women's General Missionary Society, and subordinate to this charter, constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the constitution of the United States, which by-laws shall be deemed and taken to be the law of said corporation, and shall prescribe the powers and functions of the members herein named and their successors, the times of meeting, the number of members who shall constitute a quorum, the manner of electing officers, the powers and duties of said officers, and all other concerns and internal management of the said corporation.

It was moved and carried that this report be considered article by article.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Article 1, no amendment; Article 2, no amendment; Article 3, no amendment; Article 4, no amendment; Article 5, no amendment; Article 6, no amendment.

Article 7, read by sections. Discussion of this article was asked for, and the delegates requested to ask questions on any point not clearly understood. The greatest freedom of expression prevailed, many persons availing themselves of the opportunity given to gain information on this subject. A motion, made by Miss Hannah E. Davis, was unanimously carried, "That this charter be adopted as a whole, by a rising vote."

Mrs. W. M. Story, moved, and it was carried, "That if this report is approved by the General Assembly, the Board of Directors be allowed to carry out its provisions without further delay."

On motion of Mrs. Gillespie, the conference on Junior work was deferred, to meet in a committee room at 7 p. m.

Mrs. Anna M. Cowan, of Indianapolis, presented the following memorial:

"Inasmuch as this society has never taken any part in the work of church building, and inasmuch as this is an important part of the Home missionary work of the church, therefore,

Resolved, That this Women's General Missionary Convention earnestly memorialize the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian church, to meet in Monmouth, May 24, to authorize the Women's Board to act as an auxiliary to the Board of Church Extension in the building of churches for mission congregations."

On motion, resolution adopted, and Mrs. Cowan appointed to prepare and present this memorial to General Assembly.

Mrs. Gillespie, of the Literature committee, moved, and it was carried: 1st, That the Literature committee be instructed to publish helps, hints and lessons for the use of Junior missionary societies; 2nd, That this Convention put itself upon record as wishing to continue the missionary instruction of the children of the church as heretofore.

A motion was made and carried, That a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a school for the training of missionaries, both Home and Foreign, and that said committee report at the next annual Convention.

Some difference of opinion existing as to what time should be taken to present the reports of the secretaries and papers prepared by others on the programme, Mrs. H. L. Keys moved, That all papers and reports prepared for the General Missionary Convention be confined to fifteen minutes. After discussion the motion was lost.

Executive committee appointed to make arrangements for Convention of 1894, at Princeton, Indiana: Mrs. Rev. Campbell, Mrs. Warnock, Mrs. Craig. The hour for supper having arrived, the meeting adjourned to meet for business at 7:30. Benediction pronounced by Rev. E. B. Graham.

7.30 P. M.

The printing of the minutes and reports in the MAGAZINE being the subject of discussion, it was, on motion, decided that the minutes and papers of this Convention be published in the MAGAZINE. In regard to expense of publishing the minutes in MAGAZINE, Mrs. D. K. Bryce moved, That each individual representative pledge herself for a certain amount to pay for the publication of the minutes, they to raise the money in each missionary society the best way they see it can be done. Many spoke on the question, and Mrs. Wylie suggested that this matter be referred to a committee of five who should retire from the room and bring in a report later. Mrs. Bryce withdrew her motion and the President appointed the committee as follows: Mrs. W. J. Reid, Mrs. D. K. Bryce, Mrs. W. G. Moorehead, Mrs. C. C. Kyle, Miss H. E. Davis, who presented the following report of their deliberations, which was adopted:

Your committee, impressed with the importance of publishing a complete report of each missionary convention, recommend that the simplest method of raising the necessary funds for such publication would be to tax each society, auxiliary to presbyterial societies, the small sum of one dollar per year, and that presbyterial treasurers be required to collect this amount and forward to the Treasurer of the MAGAZINE Committee. It is further recommended that this plan shall be adopted as a permanent arrangment. Signed by chairman and members of committee as given above.

Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter moved that some plan be adopted this year for the Thank-offering. The sense of the Convention was asked and encouarging response being given, Mrs. Porter offered the following resolutions,

1st. That the coming decade of our Women's General Missionary Society be made a tithing decade.

2nd. That the Literature committee be authorized to procure the best of tithe literature and send a supply to the secretaries of our presbyterials for free distribution in congregational societies, asking that the members of societies give earnest, prayerful study to the subject in their homes and in their societies, and by example and effort endeavor to lead others to believe its teaching and to act upon it.

3rd. That this Convention earnestly invite the members of O. Y. P. C. U. to join with us in the study of scriptural tithe giving, and that this invitation be presented to the Convention at St. Louis by our delegate, Miss Mamie Sloan, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Resolution adopted.

The President invited the foreign missionaries present to come to the platform and be presented to the audience. Four responded to the invitation. Mrs. Lytle, of India, responded to the welcome tendered by Mrs. McCague at the opening of the Convention, and repeated a verse of scripture in the Hindustani language. Rev. Lytle made a brief prayer. Mrs. Finnley made a plea for Egypt, and Miss Emma Dean Anderson later made an address relating to her work in India.

A motion in reference to the penny-a-day offering was carried. On behalf of many societies that have asked for the continuance of the penny-a-day boxes, through which to collect the coming year's Thank-offering, moved that the Literature committee be authorized to have penny-a-day boxes maunfactured, to give out *free* to such societies as order them, and that the expense connected with this work be paid out of the Thank-offering fund when brought in at the close of the year.

8 P. M.

The devotional exercises were con-

ducted by Mrs. Robt. Taylor, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The Treasurer announced the amount of the Thank-offering for 1893 to be $36,561.77. Treasurer will report additions.

Mrs. Gillespie moved, and it was carried, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the expenses of the Convention.

The financial report of the Thank-offering department of the Literature committee was, on motion, ordered to be read. Chairman Mrs. M. C. Porter read the report, which was adopted. (See page 374.)

Mrs. Cowan was granted permission to insert a phrase which she had omitted in the resolutions presented by her. Miss Pressly and Mrs. Ross were also granted the same privilege in regard to resolutions.

Glimpses of Mission Work in India, by Miss Emma Dean Anderson.

Committee on resolutions reported:

We who are appointed to voice the sentiment of this Convention, held in the city of Omaha, do adopt the following resolutions:

1st. We give thanks for the favor and blessings bestowed in all parts of the vineyard during the past year.

2nd. We give thanks that the gates of the Columbian Exposition have been closed for one Sabbath, and ask the united prayers of our sisters that they may be kept closed.

3rd. That we have no reason to change our opinion in regard to the necessity of warring against the liquor traffic and its accompaning evils.

4th. Our hearty thanks are due to the Managers of our most excellent MAGAZINE for their untiring efforts to please, and our sympathy has been extended to those of their number who, in God's providence, have been passing through great sorrows; and to the efficient Literature committee for their successful circulation of leaflets.

5th. *Resolved*, That this Convention, which represents so fully our work in this broad land, from east to west, hereby expresses its firm confidence in, and high appreciation of the work of, the Women's Board, brought to such a recognized high standard of efficiency through the self-sacrificing labors of our good sisters who constitute its personnel.

6th. The growing interest in our Indian mission is a noticeable feature of the reports from that field. May the prayers and temporal support asked, be granted in rich abundance.

7th. That we extend greeting to the O. Y. P. C. U. who assemble in St. Louis May 18. May this be their thought, "If thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence."

8th. We heartily commend and thank the officers of this Convention for the faithful performance of their many and arduous duties connected with their work and ask the harvest Master to grant them a rich ingathering from the seed sown.

9th. We extend our hearty thanks also to the railroad officials for reduced rates; to the press which in their columns have given us kindly mention; to the Executive committee, and their energetic Chairman, Mrs. John McCague; to the charming pages who performed their duties so cheerfully and well; to the citizens for their untiring efforts in contributing to our comfort, at church and in their homes. Upon one and all we invoke the Divine blessing.

10th. We wish to make special mention of the services of the choir, for their delightful singing in our praise service.

11th. That this Convention extend hearty thanks to Rev. Dr. Thane, and members of the Congregational church, for the use of their church in which the meals were served, and that this motion be added to the resolutions. Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Committee on Finance, reported: 5th. recommendation adopted as read; 6th. recommendation adopted as read. This report adopted as a whole, and Miss E. D. Brown, of Crafts-ave. E. E., Pittsburgh, Pa., was elected Treasurer of the delegate fund.

Mrs. M. C. Porter offered the following:

In response to the recommendation of

the Literature committee, that a sum be provided it for the publishing of needed literature, as accepted by the Convention, it was, on motion, resolved that this recommendation be referred to the Women's Board with power to act. Carried.

The question box, under the care of Mrs. H. C. Campbell on May 10, 9 a. m.; Mrs. W. M. Story, May 10, 2 p. m.; Mrs. Joseph Kyle, May 11, 2 p. m., was a very interesting part of the programme. We would be glad if it were possible to have given the questions and answers, as much information was gained in this way.

An oppotunity was given to any and all to give their impressions of the Omaha Convention. Many kind and appreciative words were spoken by delegates and visitors. Dr. Williamson, of the Central church, after a flattering speech, invited us to come again. The President elect was introduced by Mrs. E. M. Campbell, and thanked the Convention, in a few well-chosen words, for the honor conferred through her upon the city of Omaha. All the officers for Convention of 1894 being present, they were invited to the platform and presented to the audience, the first time in our history that such an incident has occurred. The absence of both Vice Presidents of 1893 was much regretted, but was unavoidable. A collection, amounting to $33.87, was taken, and the President declared the Tenth Annual Convention of the Womens General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, adjourned.

MRS. WM. H. VINCENT, Pres.

MRS. MARY W. PORTER, Sec.

Editorial Department.

Notices.

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MRS. J. G. CARSON, Xenia, O.

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It is desired that money be sent by draft, post-office or express order, or by registered letter, which may be done at our risk. If postage stamps are sent they *must not* be of a higher denomination than two cents, and should be carefully wrapped so as not to adhere.

Resolutions, notices of death, etc., intended for publication in the MAGAZINE, are charged for at the rate of *one cent per word*, payable in advance. Persons sending in such articles can readily calculate the cost and should remit the money with the manuscript.

In his address on "Biography" at Exeter academy, the late Bishop Brooks said, "I would rather write a great biography than any other great book." To be the subject of a biography is greater than to be its author, and the volume published by John K. Hastings, Boston, entitled, "Phillip Brooks: the Man, the Preacher, and the Author," is the first book to fulfil the demand for the biography of a truly great preacher and great man.

The work is based on an "Estimate," by Newell Dunbar, written during the life time of its subject, which composes the first five chapters. They have the fervor of enthusiasm for a living leader who dazzles by his brilliant personality. This, though less weighty than the calm summing up of the fruits of a life that has passed into a sphere independent of these narrow limits of vision, yet gives the book a certain value, as it brings the reader into the presence of the man, where he feels some of the fascination which seemed to inspire all who knew him.

The chapters by Joseph Cook and Canon Farrar adds much to the value of the book. The former calls Bishop Brooks, "A geographer of spiritual uplands." The latter pays a generous tribute to a still living cotemporary when he says, "I cannot recall the name of a single divine amongst us who either equals him as a preacher of has the large sympathies and rich endowments which distinguish him as a man. The added 'Extracts from sermons and addresses' give no adequate idea of the eloquence of his complete productions."

The book is printed in clear type on the best of paper, but some might object to the taste displayed in the ornaments, and the lavender border is somewhat trying to the eyes. The illustrations are good and include two noble protraits.

This number closes the sixth year of Women's Missionary MAGAZINE. We would remind our subscribers that the large proportion of subscriptions close with this month, and would urge upon all interested in the MAGAZINE the necessity of prompt attention to renewing, also to do what is in their power to get new subscribers. We take great pleasure in being able to acknowledge more than usual promptness in this line, and only drop a word, lest in the hurry of summer pleasure and rest. the matter might be overlooked.

IMPORTANT TO SOCIETIES.

Attention is again called to the following resolution which was unanimously adopted at the late annual meeting at Omaha:

Resolved, "That the expense of publishing the Minutes of this Convention be met by each congregational society contributing the sum of one dollar."

This arrangement abolishes the five cents per member recommended last year

and is intended to be permanent.

In accordance with instructions from the General Society the MAGAZINE Committee have issued the "Minutes." The work is now done, the bills are in, and the obligations must be met. If each presbyterial treasurer will follow her instructions as laid down by the General Society and collect the sum of one dollar from each local society in her presbytery and forward the sum to Mrs. J. G. Carson, treasurer of Women's Missionary MAGAZINE, Xenia, Ohio, the account can soon be settled.

Reports of Societies, Etc.

The Missionary and Aid Society of McKeesport, Pa., offer the following tribute to the memory of Mrs. Dunlap and Mrs. Foster.

During the past year, death has called from us two of our oldest members. They lived the life of the faithful humble Christian. Both were called upon to endure long days and weary nights of pain; but are now at home, where they will be forever with the Lord.

To those who sorrow for their loved ones, we extend our sincere sympathy, and point them for consolation to the Heavenly Father who chasteneth only in love.

May these removals by death be a reminder to each of us that soon our summons will come. May we be more faithful in serving our Master, more watchful for opportunities of doing His will, so that we too "may have right to the tree of life, and may enter i through the gates into the city."

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The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Presbytery of Ohio, met in the United Presbyterian church of Oxford, Ohio, May 24th 1893, at 9:30 a. m.

The day was a perfect May-day; there were delegates from all the local societies of the Presbytery; the attendance was large, and the entertainment of the good people of Oxford cordial and abundant.

The President, Miss Clara Brown, presided. The programme prepared by the Executive committee had been carefully planned and was as carefully executed. Members, to whom had been extended the privilege of leading in the devotional exercises or of preparing papers for the meeting, showed that they had earnestly and intelligently studied for the work. Reports were given from all the local societies, which showed an advance in various ways; one worthy of special mention was to the effect that every member was willing to *try* to do whatever was asked of her.

Among others, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, Instead of adopting the twenty-five cent assessment for a general delegate fund, as recommended by the W. G. M. S., we adhere to our present assessment of ten cents per member and thus pay the expenses of our delegates.

For the present year, that each Auxiliary Society pay one dollar to Mrs. J. G. Carson, before July 1st, to defray the expense of the publishing the minutes of the W. G. M. S.

That we heartily recommend that each Auxiliary Society send to Mrs. Dr. Reid, Pittsburgh, for copies of "The Book of Instruction."

In the evening we enjoyed the presence of Mrs. J. P. Cowan with her able and excellent address, "The Outlook", referring to Home missions. This was a fitting closing to an interesting and suggestive meeting, one of our very best.

Delegates to the W. G. M. S. of '94: Principals, Miss Jennie McCreary, Mrs. J. Clark; Alternates, Mrs. Findley Hutchison, Miss Josephine Grey.

MARY E. SIMPSON, Sec. CLARA J. BROWN, Pres.

LIST OF LEAFLETS.

INSTRUCTION.

	Each.	Doz.
Best methods of increasing an interest in meetings of Women's Missionary Societies	2	10
Reports; How to make them	1	15
How to interest a Missionary Society	¼	
How can we effect more thorough co-operation between our various Woman's organizations and our individual churches	1	10
Seven Reasons why I should belong to the Woman's Missionary Society	2	15
The Woman's Exchange; Brighten your Meetings	½	
How to Fill Up the Ranks	½	
The Model Auxiliary	2	15
How Should we Interest the Uninterested?	2	15
Individual Responsibility	2	10
How to awaken in our Auxiliary Societies a deeper interest in Missions	2	15
The remedy for indifference	1	10
The missionary reading parties	2	15
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The motive power in Home Missions	1	10
The relation of Home Missions to the world's evangelization	2	15
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Do Foreign Missions pay?	2	15
The Missionary Hand	1	10
Trifling with a Great Trust (with chart)	1	10
A comparative view of the work in Home and Foreign fields (with chart)	1	10
A mute appeal on behalf of Foreign Missions, (with chart.)	1	10

APPEAL.

Every one wanted	1	10
Prayer for Missions	2	20
The Responsibility of not Doing	2	20
Why no more time for the Master's Work?	1	10
For His sake	1	10
If they only knew	2	20

Preparation for the Master's work	½	6
The need of an increased interest in Missions	2	20
Called into partnership	1	10
The words of a prayer	2	10
The voices of the women	2	20
"Never had a moment's rest"	¼	3
"If I had only known this before"	¼	3
Only a woman	¼	3
A pathetic letter from a Hindu widow	½	6
We are debtors	½	6
Wanted: Only a woman's hand	½	6
The Ministry of woman	¼	3
Lessons which the heathen may teach us	3	30

HISTORICAL.

The Nation's Wards	2	15
Story of a Chinese women as told by herself	2	10
Aunt Rosa of Assiout.—By Martha J. McKown	5	25
A day's itinerating in Gurdaspur district, Punjab, India.—By Rosa T. Wilson	2	15
Some curious things about Japan	2	20
The women of Korea	½	6
Medical missionaries and their work	½	6
The student's missionary uprising	½	6
Chinese women	¼	3
Hindrances and hopes in the evangelization of the colored people	2	20

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Sketch of William Carey	2	
Sketch of Mary Lyon	3	
Sketch of Mrs. T. C. Doremus	3	

ON GIVING.

Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box	2	15
Is all your income your own ?	1	10
How the one-tenth saved a man	½	6
A tithe for the Lord	1	10
Ruth in the Family, or the Mite-box	1	10
Our Summer Boarder. A mite-box story	1	10
Never drop back	¼	3
Christians should give a tithe (By Rev. W. W. Barr)	2	15
Reflex influence of giving	2	20
More than they all, or Consecrated Pennies	¼	3
Such gifts and givers as God loves	½	6
Money for special objects—a story	¼	3
One woman's view of giving	1	10
A suggestion from Dennis	½	6
Christian giving, or paying what we owe (Send postage.)	Free.	
Thanksgiving Ann	2	15

NARRATIVE.

Basket Secretary	3	30
Deacon Brown's colt. A Home Missionary story	3	30
Why our society did not disband	3	30
How Mrs. Smith was reached	1	12
An Obituary—Trials of an Executive Committee	2	10
Judith Earl's Bible Reader	2	10
My Beckey's Conversion to Foreign Mis	5	25
O. P. J.—A story for mothers	1	10
Prosperous women	1	10
Aunt Polly's Endeavor	1	10
A Heavenly-minded Squash Vine	1	10
Mrs. Gray's Opportunities	1	10
How it paid	1	10
How we came to organize	1	10
The Alphabetical Roll-Call at the Missionary Meeting	½	9
Our Missionary box.—A Home Missionary Story (Excuses)	3	30
The brown towel	1	10
Moving the fence out—Story of a Social	2	10

FOR YOUNG WOMEN.

Serving the present age	2	20
Responsive service for young women	3	30
Pitchers and lamps	2	20
Kept for the Master's use	1	10
Is it I?	1	10
Thirteen girls and Thirteen cents	2	20
Mattie Dyer's Silver Dollar	1	10
Your Share	2	20
The work at hand	2	20
Our young women.—For the Missionary Society	1	10
What can one girl do	1	10

FOR JUNIOR SOCIETIES.

A plea for the boys	½	6
Nellie's gift, or The Two Mitts	½	6
A little girl and her missionary jug	2	10
Suggestions for Little Light Bearers Day	3	25
Enrollment Cards for Light Bearers (large)	5	40
Dollars for self and cents for Christ, (for boys)	⅓	3
Missionary Pin Money	½	6
Prue's Missionary Money	½	6
Only a penny. (A recitation.)	¼	3
How Chinese children learn to worship idols		6
Tom's Bright Idea	2	10
The little missionary in Korea	¼	3
Brother Malcolm's chapel—for boys	1	10
Clare's part. A story of a home mission-box	1	10
How the boys sent themselves	2	15
Bringing the ranks up to the standard	2	15
A little India Missionary	½	6
Gungo's question—"What is the Use ?"	1	10
The story of Sukia, or a little girl rescued from Heathenism	½	6
Jack and the Japs	¼	3
Sentence Prayers, or How our Missoin Band learned to pray	2	10
The Shepherd's Psalm. (In prose on cards)		10

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Albany.																		
Albany W. M. S.	Miss Mary Bruce	93 Clinton Ave, Albany....N. Y.	28											28			9	
Johnstown W. M. S.	Mrs. J. M. Dougall	Johnstown "							20					20	1	50	25	
Albany—2	Asenath Card, Treas	"	28						20					48	1	50	34	
Allegheny.																		
1st Allegheny Foreign Missionary	Mrs. W. J. Robinson	65 Union Ave.....Allegheny, Pa	275							10				285			67	56
Home Missionary	Mrs. Thos. Jamison	66 Union Ave..... " "		218	74	50				30				367	4	150	75	
Young Ladies' Aid	Mrs. Mary P. Sampson	65 Union Ave..... " "		15	13			102		10	26			166	2	75	29	
1st church Mission, Ladies' Miss	Miss Anna M. Allen	256 Robinson St... " "		15				19		3				37	1	6	28	8
Good Will Miss., Band	Miss A. M. Allen	256 Robinson St... " "	10	10		15		21		5				61	1	3	40	
Busy Bees	Miss Mary Blythe	Boyle St..... " "		5		8			20	4				37			45	
2d Allegheny Ladies' Miss	Mrs. W. H. McMillan	70 Washington.... " "	380	187			15			13	9			604			110	35
Ladies' Aid	Mrs. J. D. Fraser	34 Esplanade St... " "			55				18	10				83	5	60	60	
Young People's Society	Mr. Alex. Powrie	57 Buena Vista.... " "	375							10				385			169	
Willing Workers	Miss Elisabeth Elliott	Stockton Ave ..... " "	55	15				29		3		5		107			120	
3d Allegheny, Ladies' Miss. and Aid	Mrs. Joseph B. Dorrington	Bell Ave..... " "	110	100						7				217			55	28
Young Ladies' Miss. Circle	Mrs. R. D. Shanon	207 Lacock St..... " "	36	10						2		2		50	3	55	17	
4th Allegheny, Miss. and Benevol't	Mrs. Joseph Kyle	22 Bidwell St..... " "	348	10				8	19	7				392	4	60	75	44
Young Ladies' Aid	Miss Janette Shaffer	52 Palo Alto St.... " "	5	135	20			8		10				178	1	30	44	16
Girls Industrial School	Mrs. Jean L. Williams	51 Palo Alto St.... " "								2				2	1	3	35	
King's Daughters	Miss Emma M. Hood	66 Fremont St..... " "						6	20	5		2		33	1	11	21	2
Fulton Miss., Band	Miss Iantha May Munroe	80 Alpina Ave.... " "	14	5								5		24	1	15	42	
5th Allegheny, Women's Miss. Soc.	Mrs. J. W. Witherspoon	158 Buena Vista St " "	30	25	55			11		2	25		25	178	1		40	12
Girls' Missionary Band	Miss Jennie Morrison	24 Garfield Ave... " "	10	20	10	10		5	1	1			10	67	1	12	14	4
Young Ladies Miss. Circle	Miss May Nelson	25 N. Diamond St " "	55	55	25			62	19	7	2		15	240	2	50	50	
6th Allegheny, Women's Miss	Mrs. John H. Trimble	82 Nixon St..... " "	35	120	20	40	20			13			20	268	1	85	99	28
Young Ladies' Miss	Miss Rose Smith	18 Franklin St.... " "	35	40	15			5		2				97			20	4
McGill Miss. Band	Miss Laura Smith	64 Pennsylvania Ave " "	15	10		5	5					5		40			40	
7th Allegheny, Ladies' Miss	Mrs. G. W. MacDonald	43 Nixon St..... " "	20	20	20	20	5	2	477	8				572			70	25
9th Allegheny, Women's Miss	Mrs. Anna M. Milligan	64 Fremont St..... " "	15	15					350					380			40	8
Bellvue, Ladies' Miss	Mrs. W. H. Hamilton	Bellevue.....Pa	25	25						2				52			16	
Young Ladies' Miss	Miss Jean Ralston	Bellevue..... "	10	5	5									20			6	
Willing Workers	Elsie K. Kenning	Bellevue ..... "	3									2		5	3	2	13	1
West Bellvue, Women's Miss	Mrs. T. A. Shaw	Avalon..... "	30	95	30	52				6				213	1	26	33	33
Gleaners	Mrs. Geo. M. Paden	Union Nat'l Bank, Pitts..... "	26	23	10	25				3				87	2	25	22	
Busy Bees	Miss Nettie McDonald	Avalon..... "	14	10	5	7								36			25	
Golden Rule	Mrs. H. A. Crooks	per R. G. Dun & Co., Pitts.... "	9	10	8	7								34			8	
Willing Workers	Miss Mamie Hunter	Avalon..... "	8			8								11			11	

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Allegheny Continued.																		
Deer Creek, Women's Miss	Miss Esther Thompson	Flick, Butler Co. Pa.	5	10	5	5			5	4				34			25	8
Etna, Women's Miss	Mrs. A. H. Calvert	Butler St., Etna "		40	40					5			40	125	9	147	50	12
Young People's Soc	Miss Lillie A. Dickson	Middle St. Sharpsburg "	5	3	5	3			10					26	1	40	17	2
Fleming, Ladies' Missionary	Mrs. M. J. Davidson, V. P.	Emsworth "	10	20	10	10	5			6	5			66	1	25	37	8
Willing Workers	Mrs. Frank Zinsmaster	Emsworth "	5	5	5	5	5	5	10					40			12	
Glade Run, Ladies' Miss	Mrs. D. T. McCalmont	Glade Mills "	50	5		7								62			30	9
Children's Miss Band	Mr. Roy Donaldson	Glade Mills "		5										5			14	
Mt. Nebo, Women's Miss	Mrs. D. R. Imbrie	Emsworth "							25	2				27			12	
Oak Grove, Women's Miss	Mrs. Mary C. Harbison	Saxonburgh "	10	23						1				34	1	30	13	5
Pine Creek, Ladies' Miss	Miss Melissa Dickey	Gibsonia "	20							1				21	2	7	8	1
Sewickley, Ladies' Mis. and Aid	Mrs. Mason W. Pressly	Sewickley "	5	15	5	5	5			20		20	10	85	3	103	25	16
Dorcas	Miss Alice Scott	Sewickley "	5	15		10				1				31	2	72	12	
Fellowship	Miss Winifred Scott	Sewickley "	5					6		23			75	109			8	
Willing Workers	Miss Jennie Scott	Sewickley "								2				2			11	
Springdale, Ladies' Miss	Mrs. J. C. Miller	Springdale "	10	5		5				2			10	32	2	62	17	8
Willing Workers	Miss Emma Thompson	Springdale "	3	2	2	2	2							11	1	15	14	
Tarentum, Women's Miss	Mrs A. J. Nellis	Tarentum "	35	30						5				70	1	55	22	11
East Union, Women's Miss	Mrs. Miller	Rural Ridge "	5	5										10			15	
West Union, Women's Miss	Mrs. R. H. Park	Valencia "	20	10				15	26	2			6	79			21	5
ALLEGHENY PRES	Miss Jennie B. Wallace, Sec.	Sewickley "	2136	1386	437	299	62	304	995	249	72	41	211	6192	58	1224	1893	384
Argyle.																		
Argyle	Mrs. Jean M. Turnbull	Argyle, Washington Co. N.Y.	110	5			25	57	19					216	1	10	112	15
Cambridge	Mrs. S. J. Kyle	Cambridge, Washington Co. N.Y.	27		10									37	1	10	18	9
Coila	Mrs. Julia A. Gordon	Coila	10											10	1	30	20	8
East Greenwich																		
Greenwich	Mrs. A. W. Morris	Greenwich, Washington Co. N.Y.	30		5					6				41			33	4
Hebron	Mrs. D. A. Foster	Belcher, Washington Co. N. Y.	20	20					60					100	1	60	41	3
North Argyle																	*43	
Putnam	Mrs. Carrie Reynolds	Putnam, Washington Co. N. Y.	15	10	10				27					62			21	5
Salem	Miss S. J. Hanna	Salem, Washington Co. N. Y.	50											50	1	41	35	
Shushan	Mrs. D. G. McKay	Shushan, Washington Co. N. Y	40						7					47			33	21
South Argyle																	41	
West Hebron	Mrs. James F. Randles	West Hebron, Wash. Co. N. Y.	58	25										83	1	40	58	11
YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.																		
Young Ladies Society	Miss Emma Madden	Argyle N. Y.		27					15					42	3	20	25	1
Young Helpers	Miss Myrtle Lincoln	Salem N. Y.	62	17	44									123			119	2
Mission Band	Miss Ella Scott	Shushan N. Y.	2											2	1	12	22	4
ARGYLE PRESB	Mrs. Retta McClellan, Sec.	West Hebron N.Y.	424	104	69		25	57	128	6				813	10	228	621	83

*North and South Argyle have failed to report.

Arkansas Valley.

Arkansas City	Mrs. Amelia White	Arkansas City	Kansas.	10	5	2		46		70				5	138			26	7
Anthony	Mrs. Belle Bayne	Anthony	"	5	5	1	3		15	6					35			12	3
Colony	Mrs. Lillian Manock	Underwood	"	4	2									2	8			10	3
Minnescan	Mrs. Emma Robinson	Peotone	"	10		14		35		10	3				72			23	
Stafford	Mrs. J. C. Black	Stafford	"	8	11	15	11			3					48			30	7
Newton	Mrs. Sadie Oliver	Newton	"		3	5		4							12			6	1
1st Sterling	Mrs. L. M. Garges	Sterling	"	17		5			44	63					129		129	16	10
Mission Band	Miss Jennie Masson	Sterling	"			1	3								4			15	
2d Sterling	Miss Grace Mustard	Sterling	"	5		22									27			30	
2d Sterling	Mrs. E. A. Spencer	Sterling	"	12		5	41	10		62					130			27	7
Sunny Dale	Mrs. M. M. Ross	Sunny Dale	"	3	1					2	1				7			11	1
Towner	Mrs. Ella Huston	Towner	Colorado.							14					14			15	1
Wichita	Mrs. J. A. Lawrence	Wichita	Kansas.	17	5			5		8	1				36			20	4
Walton	Mrs J. H. Taggart	Walton	"	25		8				20					53			28	10
Walton Aid	Miss Sadie White	Walton	"							43					43				
Colokan																		*13	
ARKANSAS VALLEY PRESB.	Miss Ella Johnston, Sec.	267 Ohio St., Wichita	"	116	32	78	58	100	59	301	5			7	756			282	54

Beaver Valley.

Beaver W. M. S	Mrs. W. S. Harper	Beaver, Beaver Co	Pa.																
Beaver Y. P. Society	Elizabeta Scroggs	Beaver, Beaver Co	"	10	9	10	15				3				47	3	40	34	18
Beaver Mission Band	Naomi Auchenbaugh	Beaver, Beaver Co	"	5	9										12	2	42	30	
Beaver Falls	Mrs. E. W. Parkinson	Beaver Falls	"	35	10	5									50			18	
Beaver Falls Y. W. S.	Miss Nora Woods	Beaver Falls	"	15	15	5	15			10	2			10	72	2	30	25	29
Bethel	Mrs. Margaret M. Dice	Mount Air, Lawrence Co	"		4	4	3	3		99				13	126	1	20	30	17
Camp Run	Mrs. Nina McElwain	Pleasant Hill, Lawrence Co	"	8	7	3	3								21	1	10	16	4
Centre	Mrs. Mary A. Houston	New Castle	"			6		5							11			20	3
Darlington	Mrs. Caroline Sturgeon	Darlington	"	10	5	10	5			12				5	47			33	14
Black Springs	Belle Patterson	Darlington	"	33	20	20	5	5		74	10	5			172			38	3
Mt. Jackson	Mrs. D. W. Clark	Mt. Jackson	"	12	7	6	6				1				32	1	6	30	3
Mountville	Mrs. A. F. McClymonds	Portersville, Butler Co	"															33	3
Wurtemburg	Mrs. A. B. Telford	Wurtemburg, Lawrence Co	"	10	10						2				22	1	6	18	5
Portersville	Mrs. Anna McClymonds	Portersville	"	10	10										20	1	28	20	
Four Mile	Mrs. Jane Milligan	Beaver	"	27											27	2	8	28	
Oak Grove	Mrs. Mattie Taylor	Princeton, Lawrence Co	"	11											11	1	7	42	6
Neshanock	Mrs. Annie McCaslin	New Castle	"			11				30					41	1	19	30	
New Brighton	Mrs. C. I. Wendt	New Brighton	"	6	6	6	6			107	3	5			139	4	54	28	3
1st New Castle	Mrs. R. A. Brown	New Castle	"	30	10		5	3			1				49	2	70	25	6
1st New Castle Y. L. S.	Miss Emma Mehard	New Castle	"	2	3										5			17	
2d New Castle	Mrs. R. J. Blevins	New Castle	"	10	12	10	8	5			3	1	1		50	1	10	33	9
2d New Castle Mission Band	Miss Mattie Aiken	New Castle	"	2	2	4	3					1			12			25	
BEAVER VALLEY PRESB.	Mrs. R. J. Blevens, Sec.	New Castle	"	250	137	113	74	21		332	25	12	1	28	993	25	352	606	127

Big Spring.

Big Spring	Miss Lillie Dunlap	Newville	Pa.	15	34	20									69	2	58	47	16
Juvenile Workers	Miss M. Annie Brown	Newville	"	10			7								17			27	
Concord	Miss Maime Robertson	Concord	"			7									7			9	2
Cove	Miss S. M. Taggart	Webster Mills	"	30										25	55			20	7
Guinston	Miss Annie Liggett	Muddy Creek Forks	"	8	14	9									31			27	14
Lower Chanceford	Miss Maggie A. McCollam	Airville	"		12		15								27			21	5
Mexico	Miss Margaret Adams	Mifflintown	"	30	22										52			18	1
Stone Valley	Miss Annie E. Porter	McAlavey's Fort	"	15		19								10	44	1		25	5

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Big Spring Continued.																		
Mission Band	Miss Abbie Hunter	McAlavey's Fort, Pa.			5									5	1			
Tuscarora		McCoysville, "	15											15			18	
Big Spring Presb.	Ella E. Morrow, Sec.	Goram, "	123	82	60	22							35	322	4	58	212	50
Boston.																		
Providence	Mrs. G. M. Cruikshank	175 South St., Providence, R. I.													1		67	25
Whitsunville Christian Workers Mission Band	James McAllister	Whitsunville, Mass.	20						185					205			36	
Boston Presb.			20						185					205	1		108	25
Brookville.																		
Atwood	Mrs. M. B. Patterson		25	6	7		10			2				50			78	5
Beaver Run	Mrs. T. K. Finch	Stanton P. O., Jefferson Co., Pa	10	20		5								35			12	7
Beracha	J. Morrow	Plumville, Indiana Co., "	10		6	4				4				24			22	
Cherry Run	Mrs. W. G. Downs	New Athens, "	3	2	2									7			15	
Dayton	Mrs. H. D. McCreery	Dayton, Armstrong Co., "	12											12			21	2
Jefferson	Mrs. Jane Corbett	Baxter, Jefferson Co., "	20						15	1				36			22	
Mt. Zion	Mrs. E. H. McClymonds	Templeton, Armstrong Co., "	9	9										18			12	5
Plum Creek	No Report																* 21	
Richmond	Mrs. Frances Work	Rochester Mills, Indiana Co., Pa.	15	3	4					1				23			16	9
Smyrna	Mrs. W. D. Ewing	Elkin, Indiana Co., "	10			20				1				31			21	2
Mahoning	Mrs. Margaret M. Work	Hamill, Indiana Co., "	10	6		10				2				28			25	5
Brookville	Mrs. Wm. Dickey, Sr.	Brookville, Jefferson Co., "	20											20	1 bl.	15	15	
Brookville Presb.	Mary G. Cochrane, Sec.	Heathville, "	144	46	19	39	10		15	11				284	1	15	220	35
Butler.																		
Buffalo	Mrs. Sadie Leslie	Slate Lick, Pa.																
Butler	Mrs. S. M. McKee	Butler, "																
Centerville	Mrs. S. J. M. Gilfillan	North Liberty, "																
Clintonville	Mrs. Maud S. Thompson	Clintonville, "																
Fairview	Mrs. R. M. Sherrard	Baldwin, "																
Fairview Mission Band	Miss Daisy Ray	Baldwin, "																
Freeport	Mrs. Hannah McClelland	Freeport, "																
Freeport Young Ladies M. S.	Miss Ida Gibson	Freeport, "																
Grove City	Miss Maggie Kelly	Grove City, "																
Grove City Mission Band	Miss Lizzie Hamilton	Grove City, "																
Harlansburg	Miss Mary Brown	Harlansburg, "																
Harmony	Miss Mime Redmont	North Liberty, "																
Kittanning	Miss Ada Sloan	Kittanning, "																
Mt. Chestnut	Mrs. Rev. J. B. Borland	Butter Cup, "																
Prospect	Mrs. James A. Clark	Prospect, "																
West Liberty	Mrs. G. C. Drake	Jacksville, "																
West Unity	Miss Samantha Seaton	Boyers, "																

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Butler Continued.																			
West Sunbury	Mrs. J. Hall Breaden	West Sunbury, Pa.																	
West Sunbury Mission Band	Organizea within last year.																		
White Oak Springs	Mrs. Rev. J. B. Borland	Butter Cup "																	
White Oak Mission Band	Miss Lizzie Borland	Butter Cup "																	
Worthington	Mrs. Lizzie Minters	Worthington "																	
Springfield	No Report																		
Union	No Report																		
BUTLER PRESB	Mrs. Sadie Leslie, Sec		327	142	119				212	7			20		7	109	414	114	
Caledonia, N. Y.																			
Beulah W. M. S	M s. David Anderson	Mumford N. Y.	13	13										26			22	5	
2nd Buffalo L. M. S	Mrs. Mary P. Thompson	394 S. Division St., Buffalo "		5										5			30	2	
Caledonia L. M. S	Mrs. Thos. Brodie	Caledonia "		12		5								17	4	169	89	16	
Caledonia Pearl Gatherers	Miss Jennie Payne	Caledonia "	50											50			40		
Covington L. M. S	Mrs. M. Gilfillan	Peoria, Wyoming Co, "															20	10	
Covington, Cheerful Workers	Mrs. I. Shay	Peoria, Wyoming Co. N. Y.															18		
Cuylersville W. M. S	Mrs. John Rippey	Cuylesville "	7	7	5	4				2				25			19	7	
Franklinville L. M. S	Mrs. J. B. Lee	Franklinville, Catt. Co "	25			25				10				60			58	10	
Lynden L. M. S	Miss Agnes Livingstone	Franklinville, Ca t. Co "													1	5	34	5	
Mumford W. M. S	Mrs. L. W. Byam	Mumford, Monroe Co "			18			17	32					67	2	60	27	10	
Mumford Columbian Missionary	Miss Lottie Nichols	Mumford, Monroe Co "						10						10			12		
Mumford Cheerful Workers	Miss Ruth Campbell	Mumford, Monroe Co "		5	10									15			29		
Sterling Valley L. M. S	Mrs. S. Acheson	Sterling Valley "	15											15			28	3	
Sterling, Pearl Gatherers	Mrs. A. H. Cooper	Sterling Valley "															14		
York W. M. S	Miss Annie K. McDonald	York, Livingston Co "		3										3			85	2	
York Rope Holders	Miss Martha A. Root	York, Livingston Co "															25		
CALEDONIA PRESB	Miss Belle M. Hawley, Sec.	York N. Y.	110	45	33	34		27	32	12				293	7	234	500	70	
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.																			
Amity L. M. S	Mrs. I. M. Hamilton	Reinbeck Iowa	50	50	30	30			8					168	1	20	25	15	
1st Cedar Rapids L. M. S	Mrs. J. A. Kennedy	Cedar Rapids, 5th Ave. W. "	5	5	5	5	5		49	4				78	2	24	12	11	
1st C. R. Willing Workers	Mrs. Jennie P. Monteith	Cedar Rapids "	10	5	5				5					25			9	1	
2nd Cedar Rapids L. M. S	Mrs. James Gordon	Cedar Rapids "	15	5	15		5	10		5			5	60			17	1	
Garner L. M. S	Mrs. M. A. Monux	Garner "	5						43	19				67	2	44	18	10	
Goldfield L. M. S	Mrs. M. E. Henderson	Goldfield "	15	15	10	10		23	2	5				80	2	23	20	8	
Pratt Creek L. M. S	Mrs. Sarah St. Clair	Vinton "	35	16	16					10				77			25	6	
Traer L. M. S	Mrs. J. M. Henderson	Traer "	10	10	55					12				87	2	30	20	15	
Traer Mission Band	Miss Callie McCorna k	Traer "	20	10	10	10								50	1	15	35		
CEDAR RAPIDS PRESBY	Margaret Sidney Cooper, Sec	Cedar Rapids "	165	116	146	55	10	33	107	55			5	692	10	156	181	67	
Chartiers.																			
Canonsburg	Mrs. C. M. Greer	Canonsburg Pa.	15	10	10	10			3	3			10	61	3	35	50	23	
Shining Light Mission Band	Miss Silva Harper	Danonsburg "		3										3	1		42		
Centre	Mrs. W. J. Graham	Midway "	25			10			40					75	4	107	20	5	
Chartiers	Miss Mary Martin	Canonsburg "	167	50				20		2				239	2	60	68	11	
Chartiers Young Ladies	Miss Maggie McNary	Canonsburg "		20	25			3	10	1	2			61			31	5	
Cross Roads	Mrs. M. Pence	Arden "	67	52	13				1					133	2	10	*50		
Claysville	Mrs. Margaret Wright	Carothers, Wash Co "	25	3	3								2	33	2	20	*16	10	
Claysville King's Daughters	Miss Mollie McGill	Claysville "	25											25	1	8	11		
Houstonville	Mrs. D. T. McConnell	Houstonville "								2				2			37	5	
M. B. Happy Gleaners	Drew Riggle								10					10			*25		
Mount Hope	Mrs. M. J. Brownlee	West Middletown Pa.															*18		

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Chartiers Continued.																		
Mt. Hope Young Ladies	Miss Sadie J. Grimes	Atcheson Pa.		15						2				17	1	20	11	3
Mount Pleasant	Miss Clara A. McConnell	Hickory "	50	55			10	3		6				124	3	58	54	14
Mount Prospect	Miss Kate Speer	Thomas "	25	55						2				82	1		30	10
North Buffalo	Mrs. Robert McClay	Buffalo "	25	50						18				93	2	28	25	16
Peters Creek	Mrs. Lizzie R. Patterson	Library "	56	50						2				108	1	6	52	1
Pigeon Creek	Mrs. A. T. Berry	Eighty Four "	275							2				277	1	6	50	
Pigeon Creek Miss. Band	Miss M. Lizzie Wier	Eighty Four "	5	6										11			26	
Taylorstown	Mrs. Nannie M. Crawford	Taylortown Pa.	10	6						1				17			16	2
Young People's Miss. Band	Miss Alice M. Proudfit	Taylorstown "	10	10	15	10								45	1	80	27	
Venice	Miss Mary Anderson	Venice "		33	16								15	64	3	132	33	26
Washington	Mrs. S R. Moore	122 W. Chestnut St., Wash't'n "	50	37	47	10	10	223		4	10		30	421	2		60	46
Help a Little Miss. Band	Miss Ella McNary	Locust Ave., Washington "						4						4	1	6	13	4
West Middletown	Mrs. Sarah J. Morrison	West Middletown "	50	25		25								100	1	30	38	10
Willing Workers	Miss Edith Welch	West Middletown "	20											20			14	
CHARTIERS PRESBY	Miss Jennie Fife, Sec	Thomas Pa.	808	425	113	65	20	253	63	45	12		55	1859	28	571	876	161
Chicago, Ill.																		
1st. U. P. Church, Chicago L. M.S	Mrs. S. K. Crawford	680 W. Monroe St., Chicago Ill.	30	30	15									75	1	15	50	43
Camp Creek L. M. S	Miss Mary White.	Zion "	5	5	10	5	3			2				30	1	20	26	8
Hanover L. M. S	Mrs. Sames G. Speer	Hanover "				29								29			31	6
Rock Run L. M. S	Miss Anna Caldwell	Dakota "	25		9			7						41			17	6
Wheatland L. M. S	Mrs. John Parker	Oswego "			25			4						29	3	9	22	18
Wilton L. M. S	Mrs. J. W. Cleland	Peotone "				10		4	13	6				33			17	7
Englewood L. M. S	No Report																	
CHICAGO PRESBY	Bessie H. Gilkerson, Sec	Peotone Ill.	60	35	59	44	3	15	13	8				237	5	44	163	88
Chillicothe.																		
Cherry Fork W. M. S	Mrs. J. A. C. McQuiston	Cherry Fork Ohio.	35	9		10		2	204	3				263	1	30	47	17
Peebles L. M. S	Mrs. Wm Duncan	Peebles "		8					67					75			14	8
Unity W. M. S	Miss Sallie McSurely	Wheat Ridge "	13	12	8									33	1	40	14	9
CHILLICOTHE PRESBY	Mrs. J. S. C, McQuiston, Sec.	Cherry Fork Ohio.	48	29	8	10		2	271	3				371	2	70	75	34
Cleveland, Ohio.																		
First Cleveland	Mrs J. T. Logue	648 Hough Ave., Clevel'd Ohio.			25			4	607	30				666	1	50	43	10
East Palestine	Mrs. W. C. Chamberlin	East Palestine "	13	11	15			5	2					46	3	58	29	3
New Lisbon	Mrs. Leonard Mathews	New Lisbon, Col. Co "	9	7	10									26			8	8
Struthers	Mrs. J. A. Smith	Stuthers "	14		15	15	5		2					51	1	4	18	7
First Youngstown	Mrs. Mary McVay	Youngstown "			25				113					138	1	25	36	5
Second Cleveland	No Report																	
Stowe	Miss Jennie Ritchie	Unity "															12	
CLEVELAND PRESB	Mrs. Carrie L. Hood, Sec		36	18	90	15	5	9	724	30				927	6	149	134	33

College Springs, Iowa.																			
Adams	Mrs. J. B. Woodward	Lenox	Iowa.	25	15	11	5	7	5						68			12	1
Adams Mission B.	Miss Effie Ramsay	Cromwell	"	2											2				
Atlantic	Mrs. E. B. Phelps	Atlantic	"	25		5				22	4				56				
Clarinda	Mrs. S. R. Miller	Clarinda	"	40	15						5				60	1	20	29	9
College Springs, Y. L. M. S.	Miss Ida Pressly	College Springs	"	10	5	20	5								40	5	6	14	
College Springs, L. M. S.	Mrs. Rev. Moffatt	College Springs	"	75	8	15	3	3							102			50	
Buds of Promise	Lizzie King	College Springs	"		2				20				4		26	1	4	35	
Clearfield	Miss Cornes	Clearfield	"	17	5	3				10					35			19	12
Coin	Mrs. Mary Dowell	Coin	"	27	8	5		4		4	3				51	1		18	4
Creston W. M. S.	Mrs. Jennie Lafferty	Creston	"							175					175			20	
Eugene, W. M. S.	Mrs. T. A. Stevenson	Tingley	"	20	15	10	15			150	4				214	1	20	20	10
Eugene Miss. Band	Edith Dunlap	Shannon City	"							27					27			20	
Lenox, W. M. S.	Mrs. J. H. Brown	Lenox	"	30	8		7			24					69	1	50	40	8
Lenox Miss. Band	Organized in March, 1893.															1		17	
Mt. Ayr L. M. S.	Mrs. Fannie Jackson	Mt. Ayr	Iowa.	25	7	6	6	6							50			16	4
Tingley	Mrs. Asher Lorimer	Tingley	"	40	5	7						9			61			28	14
Red Oak	Mrs. C. L. Graham	Red Oak	"	25	10		10								45			16	6
North Page	Mrs. Charley Wright	Villesca	"	40		5									45	21	42	16	2
Tarkio	Mrs. J. P. Tinney	Farkio	Mo.	80		11	15		27					200	333			43	24
York, W. M. S.	Mrs. S. B. Torrence	York	"	10	6	5		5			3			5	34			*18	8
York Mission Band	Flora Torrence	York	"	2	5							2			9			*20	
Scott Mission Band	Maud Weir																	*15	
Tarkio Cheerful Givers	Wiley McKinley																	*25	
Indian Creek	Mrs. B. G. Duncan																	*10	
COLLEGE SPRINGS PRESB.	Mrs. Jos. McNab, Sec.	Shannon City	Iowa.	493	114	101	66	25	52	412	19	11	4	205	1502	82	142	496	97
Colorado.																			
Loveland W. M. S.	Mrs. J. A. Ferguson	Loveland	Col.	10	4	7			33		13				68			30	12
Greely W. M. S.	Mrs. K. M. Brown	Greeley	"	20	6	29			416		5				476			36	18
Pueblo W. M. S.	Mrs. J. W. Miller	Pueblo	"	25	16	7			99		23				170			17	
Denver W. M. S.	Mrs. Large	Denver	"	25		15	25				30				95			35	15
Colorado Springs	Mrs. Hattie E. Spicer	Colorado Springs	"				25		10		1				36			25	28
Girls' Mission Band		Denver	"		21						3				24			22	
" " "	Vera Gordon	Pueblo	"	3	4				8						15			*20	
Boys' Brigade		Pueblo	"																
Girls' Band "Busy Bees"	Nannie Wallace	Greeley	"									10			10	1	9	31	
King's Daughters	Clara Mitchell	Greeley	"				5								5		8		
COLORADO PRESB.	Mrs. J. A. Ferguson, Sec.	Loveland	Col.	88	52	58	55		566	75		10			899	1	17	216	68
Concordia, Kan.																			
Amity																		*27	
Concordia	Mrs. Fannie T. Kimmel	Concordia	Kan.	5	5						7			5	22			15	2
Idana	Mary E. McClellan	Idana	"	15											15			17	13
Jamestown	Mrs. N. T. Strain	Jamestown	"			10									10			12	5
CONCORDIA PRESB.				20	5	10					7		5		47			71	20
Cohemaugh, Pa.																			
Altoona	Miss Mary Wise	414 Lexington Ave, Altoona	Pa	6						23					29	1		12	9
Apollo	Mrs. R. A. Jamison	Apollo	"	10	12	2				10	7	8		5	54	2		25	
Bethel	Mrs. Flora McKelvey	Clyde	"	30	2										32	1		40	5

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Conemaugh, Pa., Continued.																		
Blairsville	Mrs. W. F. McMaster	Blairsville "	50						14	3				67	1		36	12
Young People's Miss. Society	Miss Stella Fosack	Blairsville "	2											2			23	
Willing Workers	Mrs. W. F. McMaster	Blairsville "	5											5	1		20	
Conemaugh	Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan	Livermore "	25							1				26	1		10	
Crete	Mrs. Jane White	Crete "	25											25			16	2
Elderton	Mrs. T. N. Ralsten	Elderton "	26		5				8	2			5	46	1	20	21	5
Homer City	Mrs. R. C. Carson	Graceton "	20								2			22	1		12	1
Indiana	Mrs. M. I. Simpson	Indiana "	80			16			9	12				117	1	40	40	37
"Buds of Promise" Miss. B	Miss Bessie Moorhead	Indiana "	3			3								6				
Jacksonville	Mrs. Netta Davis	Kent "	40	10						1	9		10	70	2	34	34	11
Johnstown	Mrs. J. C. Greer	86 Franklin St., Johnstown "	20							1				21				6
Gordon Band	Mrs. A. E. Shaffer	Johnstown "				7								7			12	
Mechanicsburg	Mrs. B. McGill	Brush Valley "	17	16	11								5	49	1		17	2
Saltsburg	Mrs. A. E. Dougherty	Saltsburg "	10	10	5			4		2				31	2	16	17	2
Shelocta	Mrs. Bella Johnston	Shelocta "	19											19	1	16	43	3
Miss C. M. W. Foster		New Alexandria "	25											25				
CONEMAUGH PRESB	Miss M. Lide Orr, Sec		413	50	23	26		4	64	29	19		25	653	16	126	378	95
Delaware, N. Y.																		
1st Andes L. M. S	Mrs. Henry Murray	Andes N. Y.				13								13	1	50	14	5
Bovina L. M. S	Mrs. Thomas Miller	Bovina "		116	58					10				184	5	174	40	4
West Kortright W. M. S	Miss Jennie Blakely	East Meredith "	11						121	2				134	1	15	23	9
Mission Band	Miss Jessie Doig	East Meredith "		15				1						16	1	12	14	3
Kortright W. M. S	Mrs. N. E. Wade	Kortright Centre "							376					376	1	18	23	1
North Kortright M. S	Mrs. A. M. Smeallie	North Kortright "	10	20										20			20	3
Stanford Cheerful Workers Miss. B	Miss Minnie Gould	Hobert "	12	10	10							2		24			15	1
Stanford, N. Y	Mrs. J. J. Andrews	South Kortright "	17	17						20				54	2	60	30	10
Garrattsville	Mrs. A. E. Clapperton	Garrattsville "	21			20								41			29	4
DELAWARE PRESB	Miss Emma A. Smith, Sec	Kortright Centre N. Y.	71	168	68	33		1	497	32		2		872	11	329	198	40
Des Moines, Iowa.																		
Indianola W. M. S	Mrs. Belle Freeman	Indianola Iowa.	50							3				53	2	53	30	22
Winterset W. M. S	Mrs. M. J. ———		10						77	1				88			15	4
Knoxville W. M. S	Mrs. M. J. Coats	Knoxville Iowa.	10	5	27				4	8				54	1	25	14	7
2d Des Moines W. M. S	Mrs. S. F. Stewart	1519 Center St., Des Moines "	10	5	6	5				2				34	1	30	15	6
Summersett W. M. S	Mrs. G. Bromhall	Summersett "	50	10	9								5	74			12	12
St. Charles W. M. S	Mrs. N. J. Mark	St. Charles "	5	3		23				2				33			8	7
Unity W. M. S	Mrs. R. G. Campbell	Cedar "	24	6	1			3		16				50			22	11
Guernsey W. M. S	Mrs. J. H. Wherry	Guernsey "	5						46	2				53			11	2
Oskoloosa W. M. S	Mrs. Wm. McKuahan	Oskaloosa "	73			2			63	9		1	1	149			20	25
Dexter W. M. S	Mrs. M. W. Brown	Dexter "	10							5				15			13	3
Monroe W. M. S	Mrs. L. Munford	Monroe "	32	12	4					7				46	1	34	25	8
Chariton W. M. S	Mrs. S. T. Rodgers	Chariton "	21						76	1				98			20	9
Newton W. M. S	Mrs. Ed. Cook	Newton "	10	6					14	7				37			11	1

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1st Des Moines W. M. S.	Mrs. Alice B. Cassill	311 Mills St., N Des Moines	"	20	6	7	6								39	2	20	23	11
Union W. M. S.	Mrs. Rev. Sawhill	Pitzer	"	15						39	5				59			17	18
Palo Alto W. M. S.	Mrs. R. M. Hill	Newton	"	5	7										12			9	4
Service W. M. S.	Mrs. Janet Wycoff	Albia	"	5	1										6			12	
Palo Alto Mission Band		Newton	"																
2d Des Moines (Junior)	Mrs. E. J. Gowdy	834 8th St., Des Moines	"															16	
Monroe Cheerful Workers M. B.	Lizzie K. Munford	Monroe	"	16		8	4		2						30	1	2	30	
Oskalooso Mission Band	Maud Carroll	Oskaloosa	"						6	50	1				57			26	
DES MOINES PRESB.	Mrs. W. H. Patterson, Sec.	515 Center St., Des Moines	Iowa	368	61	62	40		11	369	69		1	6	1014	8	145	349	150
Detroit, Mich.																			
Detroit W. M. S.	Mrs. W. H. Vincent	276 4th St., Detroit	Mich.	9	25	5				11				10	60			11	
Martin W. M. S.	Mrs. W. M. Butler	Martin	"							6					6	1	25	24	4
Southfield	Mrs. Aggie Hutton	Southfield	"															*14	
Troy	Mrs. Hattie T. Orr	Birmingham	"																
DETROIT PRESB.				9	25	5				17				10	66	1	25	49	4
Egypt.																			
Assiout	Miss Yessma Hunna	Assiout	Egypt.		80										80			87	
Esbekieh	Mrs. Harvey	Cairo	"		27										27			38	
Haret es Sakacen	Miss Habashea	Cairo	"		32										32			37	
Boulak	Miss Thompson	Cairo	"		19	5									24			28	
Goos	Rev. G. Anshalian	Goos	"		22										22			28	
Mansouri	Miss Strong	Mansoura	"	2	2										4			30	
Assouan	Rev. Yoosef Kiddese	Assouan	"		6										6			14	
Alexandria	Miss Fraser	Alexandria	"		5										5			28	
Sinnoris	Rev. Shamodeh	Sinnoris	"															*15	
EGYPT PRESB.	Mrs. Hogg, Sec.			2	198	5									200			305	
Frankfort, Pa.																			
Frankfort	Mrs. W. R. Jamison	Frankfort Springs	Pa.		32										32				
Service	Miss Rosie Campbell	Service		31		20			1	25					77			25	5
Clinton	Mrs. Kate A. Eaton	Clinton	Pa.	8	30						5				43			28	4
Hookstown	Mrs. G. A. Rosebury	Hookstown	"	56	11	25		2						3	97			46	10
Cheerful Workers	Mary Adams	Georgetown	"							50					50	2	32	84	
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. S. A. Moore	Shippingport	"	15						15		7			37			24	2
Hanover	Mrs. Hannah Mahaffey	Harshaville, Beaver Co.	"							10					10	1	10	19	3
Burgettstown	Mrs. M. M. McClintock	Burgettstown, Wash. Co.	"							48					48	1	1	38	
Golden Link M. B.	Mrs. Chas. Weaver	Burgettstown, Wash. Co.	"															*23	
FRANKFORT PRESB.	Mrs. J. H. Ewing, Sec.	Rochester	"	110	73	45		2	1	148	5	7		3	394	4	48	232	24
Garnett, Kansas.																			
Women's Miss. Society	Mrs. E. E. Kerr	Americus	Kan.	9	13	7	8			6					43			43	7
Women's Miss. Society	Mrs. H. L. Keys	1116 State St., Emporia	"	5	5				3	80					93			14	4
Women's Miss. Society	Mrs. H. D. Gordon	Edgerton	"	6	6			4		7					23			13	2
Women's Miss. Society	Mrs. J. K. Duff	Lyndon, Osage Co.	"	10	5	11			10	6					42	1	11	15	1
Women's Miss. Society	Mrs. M. A. Barnes	Olatha, Johnson Co.	"	12		10		5		50	4				81			27	6
Willing Workers	Miss Minnie Williamson	Olatha, Johnson Co.	"	50	13					2		5			70	1	2	22	
Women's Missionary Society	Mrs. C. C. Wright	Ottawa	"	10	7	2	2	1			7				29	2	20	18	6
Young Ladies' Miss. Society	Mrs. F. B. Peck	Ottawa	"															*10	
Mission Band	Mrs. Anna Morris	Ottawa	"	2	2	2	2	2				2			12			15	

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Garnett, Kan., Continued.																		
Women's Miss. Society	Mrs. Clara Carson	Richmond "	16	3			5		9	1				34	1	5	12	10
Women's Miss. Society	Mrs. Rev. LM. cGill	Welda "	15	5	3						5			28	1	28	28	9
Willing Workers	Miss Nettie R Mackey	Welda "			5									10			39	
Women's Miss. Society	Mrs. Byall	Garnett "	25	20	9	10	5		10					79			41	6
Waste Not Society	Nannie List	Americus "															*25	
Women's Miss. Buelah	Mrs. M. H. Long	Beulah "	11	10	10	10			34					75			18	
Willing Workers		Garnett "															*30	
Willing Workers		Richmond "															*10	
Greely L. M. S.				14	4									18			18	4
GARNETT PRESB.	Mrs. E. E. Kerr, Cor. Sec.	Americus Kan.	171	103	66	32	22	13	204	12	12			632	8	61	404	55
Illinois—Central.																		
Paxton	Mrs. A. Wylie	Paxton Ill.	13	11		27			100	3			15	171			18	6
Piper City	Mrs. Wilson	Piper City "	13	18	15			10		1				57			12	2
Hoopeston	Miss Jennie Simpson	Hoopeston "	10	10		64			10					95	1	10	17	1
Washburn	Mrs. Paul Stewart	Washburn "			12		5	1	51	1				70	4	42	15	10
Oak Grove	Mrs. Maggie Kirkpatrick	Oak Grove "				11			10					21			15	
Harmony	Mrs. Agnes McStravick	Hanna City "	21	14		19				9				63			18	7
Bethel	Mrs. S. S. Patton	Eden "			12				8	1	1			22			13	6
†Pana	Mrs. E. M. Reed	Pana "		5										5			10	1
Cheerful Workers	Miss Elsie Glenn	Piper City "		2										2			32	
Junior Society	Miss Mattie Stewart	Paxton "	20						19					39			25	
Junior Society	Miss Emma Gaskill	Hoopeston "															20	
Junior Society	Miss Jennie Harper	Smithville "															29	
Low Point	Mrs. Belle Wallace	Washburn "															* 8	
Smithville	Mrs. Elizabeth Harper	Washburn "															*16	
CENTRAL ILLINOIS PRESB.	Mrs. A. Hanna, Sec	Hoopeston Ill.	77	60	39	121	5	11	198	18	1		15	545	5	82	248	33
Illinois—Southern.																		
Jordan's Grove L. M. S.	Miss Lizzie Grier	Baldwin Ill.	52	10	8		5		8	2	5			90			23	5
Xenia L. M. S.	Miss Fickes	Xenia "		10										10			17	
Marissa L. M. S.	Mrs. James White	Marissa "	70	15	15				17	9	6			132	1	15	30	9
Prosperity L. M. S.	Mrs. Letta Gibson	Tilden "	35	5	5				37					82			31	2
Sparta L. M. S.	Mrs. Maggie Perkins	Sparta "	75	20	10	5			71	4				190			58	20
Rormine L. M. S.	Mrs. R. W. Nairn	Foxville "	10						11					21			20	2
Grand Avenue L. M. M.	Mrs. J. W. Ashwood	3632 Forest Pk. B'lev'd, St. Louis.	35	21	10	10	2		12					90			20	12
Sparta Young Helpers	Miss Edna Finley	Sparta Ill.	50		5	10		5	5					50			41	
1st Church, St Louis, L. M. S.	Mrs. E. F. Stewart	2742 Morgan St., St. Louis	100	10					30	2	5			147	2		29	25
Coulterville L. M. S.	Mrs. R. C. Montieth	Coulterville Ill.	4		8			16	4					68			26	10
Bethel L. M. S.	Mrs. Tillie Stewart	Swanwick "	74	13	10									97			38	17
Oakdale L. M. S.	Mrs. C. M. Ritchie	Oakdale "	16	8				40						64			30	8
Sparta Y. L. M. S	Minnie Johnston	Sparta "							25	2				27			22	
Cutler	Mrs. Mary Brown	Cutler "															*15	
Pulaski	Mrs. N. A. Gallraith	Swedenborg "															*10	

*North and South Argyle have failed to report.

†Disbanded last Fall.

Illinois—Southern Continued																			
Romanie Prairie Willing Workers	Miss Bertha Burgess	Salem	"														*8	
Springfield	Mrs. Missourie Boyd	Sparta	"														*16	
Starkville	Mas. W. B. Montgomery	Sparkville	"														*14	
Union	Mrs. B. F. Whitehill	Sparta	"															
Union Young Ladies	Miss Alice Smith	Sparta	"														*16	
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PRESB.	Mrs. J. W. Ashwood, Sec.	3632 Forest Pk. B'lev'd, St. Louis.		542	112	66	25	7	21	260	19	16			1068	3	15	489	105
Indiana.																			
Richland L. M. S	Miss Mattie Hart	Richland	Ind.	31	5	6	1	1	4						48			15	6
1st U. P. Church, Indianapolis	Mrs. E. L. Wilson	337 N. Liberty St., Indianapolis	"	12	2	2		1		33	8				78			10	6
Rushville L. M. S	Mrs. Anna M. French	Rushville	"	9	8	10	5	2			5				39	1	25	22	11
Milroy L. M. S	Mrs. Ammy S. Brown	Milroy	"	35	8	5	1					2			51	1	2	12	4
Caledonia L. M. S	Miss Josie Scott	Sugan	"	5						1	2				8				
Carmel L. M. S	Mrs. S. I. Shannon	Hanover	"	30	10	4				13	8				65	2	30	20	6
Carmel Miss. Band	Miss Anna Tait	Hanover	"			5				10					15			17	
Spring Hill L. M. S	Miss Margaret Logan	Spring Hill	"	25	10	3	3	3		140					190	1	5	31	28
Madison L. M. S	Martha B. Aten	806 W. Second St., Madison,	"	17	10	5	5			8					45	1	25	16	7
Madison Mission Band	Miss Sue McFetridge	313 Depot St., Madison	"	3	2	2	2	1			2				12	1	25	5	1
†2d U. P. Church, Indianapolis	Mrs. J. P. Cowan	8 Stoughton St., Inianapolis	"	6	2	2	2		3	39					54			30	12
†2d Church, Indianapolis, M. B.	Mrs. John Williams, Sec.	Brookside Av., Indianapolis	"																
Shiloh L M. S	Miss Lizzie Hudelson	Dunreith	"	44	19	2					6				71			20	18
INDIANA PRESB.	Miss Emma Brown, Sec	Milroy	"	217	76	46	19	8	7	270	31	2			676	7	102	198	94
Indiana—Northern.																			
Bethsaida	Mrs. S. E. Boyd	Tipton	Ind.															*21	
Idaville	Mrs. A. K. Strane	Idaville	"															*13	
Sharon	Mrs. Rhoda A. Hannah	Selma	"	1	1	1	1	1							5			8	1
INDIANA—NORTHERN PRESB.	Mrs. Martha J. Orr, Sec.			1	1	1	1	1							5			42	1
Kansas City, Kan.																			
Topeka L. M. S	Mrs. Dr. Lindsay	Topeka	Kan.	30			50		11		2				93			20	1
Lawrence L. M. S	Mrs. M. E. Gowan	Lawrence	"	50	45	8	9		17	35	3				167	1	7	15	9
2d Kansas City W. M. S	Mrs. Margaret Smart	319 Woodland Ave., Kansas City	Mo.	25						28					53			14	9
Nortonville W. M. S	Mrs. S. M. Hood	Nortonville	Kan.	3											3	1	23	10	2
Greenwood W. M. S	Georgia G. McCullough	Greenwood	Mo.	5	10						2				17			12	
Denison W. M. S	Mrs. W. H. Douglas	Birmingham	Kan.	20						22	1				43			20	1
1st Kansas City W. M. S	Mrs. C. M. Whyte	11th & Campbell Sts., Kansas City	"	13						168					181			6	
Winchester W. M. S	No Report	Winchester	Kan.																
Hiawatha W. M. S	No Report	Hiawatha	"															*30	
Horton W. M. S	No Report	Horton	"															* 9	
Mulberry W. M. S	No Report	Mulberry	Mo.															*14	
Armoreti W. M. S	No Report	Amoreti	"																
North Cedar	No Report																	*18	
Warrensburg	No Report																	* 5	
KANSAS CITY PRESB.	K. Cora Douglas, Sec.	Birmingham	Kan.	146	55	8	59		28	253	8				557	2	30	173	24
Keokuk, Iowa.																			
Ainsworth L. M. S	Mrs. Phoebe McKenzie	Ainsworth	Iowa.	26		55									81			34	5
Birmingham	Mrs. Rev. W. N. Richie	Birmingham	"	10						68					78	2	10	17	3
Burlington	No report																		

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Keokuk Continued.																		
Columbus City	Anna M. Johnston	Columbus City "	10						164					174			34	1
Crawfordsville	Mrs. Mary Walker	Crawfordsville "	45						1					46	1	21	21	10
Grand Prairie	Mrs. J. M. Ferguson	Washington "	14	4	5									23			4	2
Keokuk	Mrs. T. J. Maxwell	Keokuk "	15						34					49			21	8
Keota	Mrs. S. M Leacox	Keota "	10						100					110	1		16	
Living Lake	Mrs. Rev. J. H. Elliott	Washington "	20	21	18			22						76			26	4
Morning Sun	Mrs. Rev. J. B. Jackson	Morning Sun "	25	8										33			20	1
1st Washington	Mrs. Dr. J. C. Boice	Washington "	47	10				22		8				87	3	116	64	18
1st Washington Young Ladies	Miss Ella Acheson	Washington "	15	3					2					20			19	1
2d Washington	Mrs. James Todd	Washington "	22		20			20		2			*3	67	1	35	49	12
West Chester	Mrs. Mary A. Sowash	West Chester "	5											5			9	
Winfield	Mrs. Lillian M. Cowden	Winfield "	10							2				12	1		14	2
Mission Bands	No Report																	
Ainsworth	Mrs. Eva Welch	Ainsworth Iowa.	1											1				
1st Washington	Eliza Beard	Washington "	6											6	quilt	2	30	
Crawfordsville	Miss Alice Manners	Crawfordsville "			29									29			25	
KEOKUK PRESB.	Miss Mary Adda Tate, Sec.	Washington Iowa.	274	53	122			64	369	12	*		3	897	10	154	439	6
Lake, Pa.																		
Adamsville	Mrs. A. J. Ramsey	Adamsville Pa.		16						7				23	2	47	23	9
Cheerful Workers	Mrs. H. W. Brown	Adamsville "	29											29	1	5	30	
Cochranton	Mrs. J. D. Roberts	Cochanton "	6	6	7	8					2	2	2	33	2	42	33	6
Erie	Mrs. C. J. Brown	West 26th St., Erie "	20	40					10	13				83			50	21
Coral Workers	Miss May McClure	Erie "															*16	
Evansburg	No Report																	
Greenville	Mrs. L. W. McElhaney	Greenville Pa.	10	10	10	3				14				47	2	38	54	13
Georgetown	Mrs. E. Y. Simmons	Sheakleyville "			17									17			10	5
Hartstown	Miss E. McMichael	Adamsville "	10	10						7				27	2	26	32	4
Jamestown	Mrs. J. H. Christy	Jamestown "	4	3	3	5				6				21	3	29	22	19
Kerr Ridge	Mrs. J. S. Dodds	Titusville "	6	6	6	5			32	1				56			12	2
North Shenango	Miss. J. Barackman	Linesville "	10	10	10			14	5	1				50	1	25	35	10
Young Ladies	Miss Emma McNutt	Linesville "							20	10				30	1	16	14	2
Oil City	Mrs. J. J. Sharps	Oil City, U. P. Parsonage "															*28	
Power	Mrs. L. C. Donnan	Cochranton "	2	2		2								6			6	2
Shenango	Miss Rebecca Aten	Westford "	4	7	4				10					25			18	3
Sandy	Miss M. J. Beggs	Sandy Lake "															25	
Sandy Lake	Mrs. Jeanette Hamilton	Sandy Lake "							44					44				
Utica	Mrs. S. J. Lee	Utica "	5			5		1		9			10	30	1	2	26	9
Waterford	Miss Mary E. Moore	Waterford "	29	49	23	4								105			22	15
Waterford Mission Band																	*4	
LAKE PRESB.	Miss M. Runyan, Sec.	Kinsman Ohio.	135	159	80	32		15	121	68	2	2	12	626	15	234	455	110

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Le Claire, Iowa.																			
Andrew	Mrs. R. C. Gibson	Andrew, Iowa.		3	5		4			2				14			13	6
Clarence	Mrs. C. Imrie	Clarence, "	5		5									10	1	15	14	8
DeWitt	Mrs. Ella S. White	DeWitt, "	16		8	8			12					44			18	8
Elvira	Mrs. S. R. McLaughlin	Elvira, "	20	10										30			15	4
Stanwood	Mrs. J. C. Truesdale	Stanwood, "	58	47				5						110			21	12
Wyoming	Mrs. E. M. Brush	Wyoming, "	10		15				1					26			6	3
LeClaire	Mrs. James H. Wilson	Le Claire, "							195					195			35	6
Scotch Grove	Mrs. J. J. Milne	Scotch Grove, "															*18	
Mission Band	Harry Hamilton																37	
Elvira Mission Band		Elvira, Iowa.	6	8										14			17	
DeWitt Willing Workers	Mrs. Mattie Carson	DeWitt, "						25						25	1	3	23	
LE CLAIRE PRESB.	Miss Jennie Kennedy, Sec.		115	68	33	8	4	30	208	2				468	2	18	209	47
Los Angeles, Cal.																			
Los Angeles W. M. S.	Mrs. H. W. Crabbe	8th & Hill Sts., Los Angeles, Cal.	16	12	11	12	4	16						71			19	8
Cheerful Workers	Miss Alice Kirk	1317 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, "	5											5				
Children's Band	Grace Crabbe	8th & Hill Sts., Los Angeles, "			2	3								5			15	
San Diego L. M. S.	Mrs. F. T. Hill	San Diego, "		15										15			16	3
Santa Ana W. M. S.	Mrs. Mary C. Webster	Santa Ana, "			40			8						48			21	12
Mission Band	Miss Flora Kerr	Santa Ana, "			23									23		30		
Wildomar W. M. S.	Mrs. J. F. Jamison	Wildomar, "				5								5			18	2
Beaumont W. M. S.	Mrs R. J. Thompson	Beaumont, "															9	1
LOS ANGELES PRESB.	Miss A. J. Boone, Sec.	1319 S. Olive St., Los Angeles, "	21	27	77	20	4	24						173			128	26
Mansfield, Ohio.																			
Fredericksburg L. M. S.	Mrs Annie Smith	Fredericksburg, Ohio.	25	3										28	1	16	14	3
Iberia W. M. S.	Mrs. M. J. Burt	Iberia, "	20		9									29				
Mansfield L. M. S.	Mrs. F. B. Foster	58 W. 3d St., Mansfield, "	30	22	15					9				76			50	5
Young Ladies' Miss. Band	Miss Minnie Martin	18 Park Ave., E. Mansfield, "	10		10					8				28			13	
Children's Miss. Band	Mrs. B. Foster	Mansfield, "	2											2			47	
Ontario W. M. S.	Mrs. Lizzie Walker	Box 237, Mansfield, "	5			16								21	2	22	10	3
Savanah L. M. S.	Mrs. R. Forbes	Savannah, "	25		22					4				51	1	22	27	9
Mission Band	Miss Florence Hutchison	Savannah, "	3	3										6	1	2	10	
Tiro W. M. S.	Mrs Martha Cleland	Tiro, "	10	8						1				19	1	3	11	6
Utica W. M. S.		Utica, Licking Co., "	25							1				26	1	10	18	2
Wooster W. M. S.	Mrs. J. A. Stewart	Wooster, "	75		7	10				4			20	116	1	15	22	12
Wayside Gleaners	Robbie Smith	Wooster, "	5											5			20	
Willing Workers		Wooster, "	5											5			* 10	
Young Ladies' Band has united with the O. Y. P. C. U.		Wooster, Ohio.	15											15				
MANSFIELD PRESB.	Maggie L. Still, Sec.	Wooster, Ohio.	255	36	63	26				27			20	427	8	90	281	42
Mercer, Pa.																			
Plain Grove L. M. S.	Mrs. M. E. Barber	Plain Grove, Pa.	21		13	7								41			23	
Willing Workers	Miss Emma Sankey	Plain Grove, "			20									20	1	40	18	
Lackawannock L. M. S.	Mrs. Anna Lowry	Wheeler, "													1	28		3
West Middlesex L. M. S.	Mrs. W. J. Snodgrass	West Middlesex, "	14	25	11						5		16	71	1	20	12	1
East Brook L. M. S.	Mrs. Lizzie McKnight	East Brook, "	25	26						5				56			2	7
1st Mercer L. M. S.	Mrs. J. C. Breckenridge	Mercer, "	23	29			10	7					2	71	1	28	37	12
2d Mercer L. M.	Mrs. A. B Thompson	Mercer, "	38	30	36	13				2	52			171	1	50	38	15
New Bedford L. M. S.	Mrs. Nannie Anderson	New Bedford, "	126	122	31	38	5							322			15	4
1st New Wilmington L. M. S.	Mrs. H. G. McVey	New Wilmington, "	75	30	21		5						17	148	1	35	17	4

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Mercer, Pa., Continued.																		
2d New Wilmington W. M. S.	Mrs. E. N. McElree	New Wilmington "	100	25	21			25	233	2			6	412	3	90	33	12
Y. L. M. Circle	Miss Huldah Campbell	New Wilmington "	15							5				20			5	2
Happy Workers	Miss Zella Mitchell	New Wilmington "															25	
Sharon	Mrs Report	"															*20	
2d Mercer L. M. S.	No. W. R. Wilson	Mercer Pa															14	
MERCER PRESB.	Miss L. Mary Elliott, Sec.	New Wilmington "	437	287	153	58	20	32	233	14	57		41	1332	9	291	268	80
Monmouth, Illinois.																		
Alexis L. M. S.	Mrs. M. M. Renwick	Alexis Ill.	10	5	5	5	1	4	106	2				138			28	12
Mission Band	Zulu Renwick	Alexis "	2	5	5	6								18			25	
Biggsville L. M. S.	Mrs. J. A. Renwick	Biggsville "	50	5	5	2		6		4				72			35	8
1st Monmouth L. M. S.	Mrs. T. H. Hanna	Monmouth "	100	50				12		10				172	3	26	70	36
Girls' Mission Band	Catherine McLean	Monmouth "	10	10										20			25	
Boys' Mission Band		Monmouth "	25											25			18	
2d Monmouth L. M. S.	Mrs. Jennie L. Campbell	Monmouth "	132	87	32					3				297	1	10	68	19
Y. L. M. S.	Miss Maggie Cussie	Monmouth "	15	2										17	1	11	38	
Girls' Mission Band	Grace Smith	Monmouth "	5	10	15									30				
Boys' Mission Band	Willie Nesbit	Monmouth "	15	14										29				
Kirkwood L. M. S.	Mrs. Anna Cowan	Kirkwood "	50	15	10									75			33	9
Band of Willing Workers	Mrs. McCoy	Kirkwood "			7									7	2	8	15	
Gerlaw L. M. S.	Miss Maggie Mckee	Gerlaw "	25	10	10	2	1		36	3				54			18	6
Olena L. M. S.	Mrs. G. T. Pearce	Gladstone "	25						25	15				65			13	3
Henderson L. M. S.	Mrs. J. T. Wilson	Elinos "	25	45					35					105	1	15	44	19
Smith Creek L. M. S.	Mrs J. A. Wiley	Kirkwood "	15	[illegible]	8	3				5				36			10	
Stronghurst L. M. S.	Mrs. Jennie E. Allison	Stronghurst "							56					56			16	3
Elmira L. M. S.	Miss Nina Murray	Elmir "	25											25			24	8
South Henderson L. M. S	Mrs. D. M. Cleland	Gladstone "	14	14						1				29			18	3
Ellison L. M. S.	Mrs. J. Pague	Media "	50			10		3	52	16				131	1	25	28	12
Smith Creek M. B.	Flora Hutchison	Kirkwood "	2	2	2	1								7				
1st Monmouth Y. L.	Miss Lyda Hanna	Monmouth "															*42	
Gerlaw Mission Band	Miss Minnie Olsen	Gerlaw "															*25	
MONMOUTH PRESB.	Mrs. G. H. Cowden, Sec.		595	229	99	29	2	25	277	152				1408	9	95	588	138
Monongahela, Pa.																		
1st Pittsburgh	Mrs. W. J. Ried	244 Oakland Av., Pittsburgh, Pa.	125	25	56			26	12	5			145	393	2	35	115	60
Young Women	Miss. Sara McIlwaine	630 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh "	65	35	20			5		3	25		10	163			30	
Reid Young Women	Miss Rebecca J. Loring	16 Rose St., Pittsburgh "	25		10	10				2				47			21	
Junior Miss. Society	Mrs. Albert Stevenson	215 Colcart Sq., Pittsburgh "	25	10				5		1		5		46			40	
Oakland Chapel	Mrs. S. F. Sims	4 Bouquet St., Pittsburgh "	45	25					21	3				94	1		29	21
Young Women	Miss Garnet Fulton	Filmore St., Pittsburgh "		5				20	13	2				40			15	
" Junior	Mrs. Frank Sturtevant	Collins Ave., Pittsburgh "	25		10	20				1				56			15	
2d Pittsburgh	Mrs. E. D. Brown	Craft Ave., Pittsburgh "	125	40	50	25		8	8		76	6	200	538			41	29
3d Pittsburgh	Mrs. J. T. McCrory	371 Wylie Ave., Pittsburgh "		45	25	45	15	40	77	3	50		25	325			60	38
McCrory Young Women	Miss Milla Mazett	9 Devillier St., Pittsburgh "	60	25	20	20		62	15	2			17	221	1		38	

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Monongahela, Pa., Continued																				
King's Daughters	Miss Matilda Brown	253 Webster Ave., Pittsburgh,	"	5	5				7		1				18			16	
Christian Workers, Junior	Miss Margaret Burke	336 Webster Ave., Pittsburgh,	"	10	10	55	5	5	10	20	1	5	5	5	131			45	
4th Pittsburgh Young Women	Mrs. William Colwell	1814 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh	"	3	3	3	5	1	25	204	2	2			248			30	7
5th Pittsburgh	Miss Agnes C. Johnson	495 Webster Ave., Pittsburgh,	"	10	10	5	5	5	10	150	3	3	5	85	291			40	13
King's Daughters	Miss Lizzie K. Cousles	456 Webster Ave., Pittsburgh,	"						13	101	2			25	141			16	
Junior, 1893	Miss Agnes C. Johnston	495 Webster Ave., Pittsburgh,	"															13	
6th Pittsburgh	Mrs. R. M. Russell	East End Hotel, Pittsburgh	"	74	25	90	198	60			14				461	3		68	69
Young Women	Miss M. E. Friesell	128 Flavel st., Pittsburgh	"	50	25	65	200			2	2		5		349			62	
Junior	Mrs. E. M Hill	Clearview Place, Pittsburgh	"	5	20	20	65				9				119			72	
Hamilton Mission	Mrs. J. D. Irons	Dallas	"																2
7th Pittsburgh	Mrs. C. Hare	Forty-Third St., Pittsburgh	"	50	35	10	10	5	10	110	4	5		10	249	1	85	31	76
Young Women	Miss Agnes Mitchell	271 44th St., Pittsburgh	"	30	32	25	21		16		6			15	145	3	87	32	
Gordon, Junior	Mrs. J. E. Libbey	288 Fisk St., Pittsburgh	"	2	2	5	2	2	17		1			10	41	1	55	45	
8th Pittsburgh	Mrs. J. M. Wallace	Colwell St., Pittsburgh	"	18	20				15	6	4		5		63	1		15	30
Young Women's Dorcas	Miss Theresa Lippert	Marion St., Pittsburgh	"	10		10			17	36	2			4	79		2 20	20	
Junior	Mrs. Geo. Sands	343 Bedford Ave., Pittsburgh,	"								1	5	5		11			87	
9th Pittsburgh	Mrs. R. A. Elliott	43 Mt. Oliver St., Pittsburgh,	"	30	10	10	38	10	25	122	7			27	279	1	22	50	21
Young Women	Mrs. Mary J. Blaney	27 S. 13th St., Pittsburgh	"	5	28	10	10	5		1	2			10	71			22	
Wylie Avenue	Mrs. W. H. Knox	Reed St., Pittsburgh	"	64	10					50	3	12			139	1		24	11
11th Pittsburgh	Mrs. A. M. Andrews	248 Main St., Pittsburgh	"	5	15			5			3				28			30	16
Junior, 1893	Mrs. Mary Workman	1 Western St., Pittsburgh	"																
Mt. Washington	Mrs. H. Hood	248 Prospect St., Pittsburgh	"	4	4	4				80	3				95			12	3
Shadyside	Mrs. R. S. McCulley	Winebiddle Av., Pittsburgh	"	20	5	20	20			154	3	10		255	487	1	25	87	22
King's Daughters	Miss Kate Spryer	Liberty Ave., E. E	"		5				5	100	2				112			18	
Junior	Miss Jennie Musgrave	Matilda St., Pittsburgh	"		10	10	5			45	1				71			60	
Allentown	Mrs. S. W. Douthett	420 Orchard St., Pittsburgh	"	7	5				6		3			15	35	1	3	25	7
Junior	Mrs. Hill	McLain Ave., Pittsburgh	"															14	
33d Street, Pittsburgh	Mrs. J. McD. Herves	Webster Av. & 33d St., P'gh	"	5	10					115	3		5		138			31	7
Pittsburgh, Hiland Ave	Mrs. A. M. Denholm	466 Frankstown, Ave., P'gh	"	5	25	5					3				38			27	14
Coraopolis	Mrs. N. Stoops	Coraopolis, Allegheny Co	"		5		5				3	5	2	5	25			55	5
Hebron	Mrs. Mary Barclay	Rodi, Allegheny Co	"	10	25	5	5	5			3	5	6	27	91			27	16
Homestead	Mrs. W. L. C. Samson	Homestead, Allegheny Co	"		10		10				3			5	28			11	7
Junior	Mrs. W. L. C. Samson	Homestead, Allegheny Co	"															*25	
Ingram	Miss Sarah J. Frew	Ingram, Allegheny Co	"		30		15	5			3			87	140			30	14
Young Women	Miss Sadie Poindexter	Ingram, Allegheny Co	"	63	5	20	9	5		5	2			5	114			16	
Junior	Mrs. Jas. Sands	Ingram, Allegheny Co	"	10	15	20					1	13	1		60			40	
Jefferson	Mrs. S. Rankin	Gill Hall, Allegheny Co	"	4		3					3				10			20	7
Mansfield	Mrs. Jane Wells	Chartiers, Allegheny Co	"	25	30	15			3	7	3	3			86	1		50	23
Young Women	Miss Sadie McManus	Mansfield Valley, Alleg'y Co	"		13						2				15			25	
Junior	Mrs. Hugh Sterling	Chartiers, Allegheny Co	"		20						1				21			54	
Mt. Gilead	Miss Lizzie Stewart	Coraopolis, Allegheny Co	"															15	6
McDonald	Mrs. W. D. Irons	McDonald, Allegheny Co	"	25	35	50			30	64	3			152	359	1	6	30	18
Junior	Miss Annette George	McDonald, Allegheny Co	"	10		10					1				21			16	
Oakdale	Mrs. Agnes S. Kemps	Oakdale, Allegheny Co	"		6					12	3			7	28	1	63	17	7
Robinson Run	Mrs. J. W. English	Sturgeon, Allegheny Co	"	35	59	30				4	3	8			139	2	40	18	18
St. Clair	Miss Margeret F. Gilfillan	Upper St. Clair, Alleg'y Co	"	20	25	25		5			3			10	88	3	28	25	32
Union	Mrs. J. A. Douthett	Remington, Allegheny Co	"	10	60	10			10		5	10		10	115			65	21
Junior	Mrs. J. A. Douthett	Remington, Allegheny Co	"																
Verona	Mrs. Mary B. Nevin	Hulton, Allegheny Co	"	35	10		10				3			3	61	4	129	42	17
Junior	Mrs. W. W. Grier	Hulton, Allegheny Co	"	30	5						1				36			12	
1st Church, Wilkinsburg	Mrs. M. M. Patterson	Wilkinsburg, Allegheny Co	"	30	20	5			10		5			100	170	1	25	43	36
Young Women	Miss Kate Reed	Park Place, Pittsburgh, Pa	"	10	10	60	60		13		2			50	208			22	
Junior	Miss Blanche Hutchison	Wilkinsburg, Allegheny Co	"								3			36	39				
2d Church, Wilkinsburg	Miss Eva Perr	Wilkinsburg, Allegheny Co	"	20	2	25					3			11	61			47	10
Junior	Miss Irene Kilgore	Wilkinsburg, Allegheny Co	"																
MONONGAHELA PRESB.	Miss E. D. Brown, Rec. Sec.	Craft Ave., Pittsburgh	"	1244	904	816	818	133	406	1536	174	237	50	1366	7674	32	618	2011	688

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Muskingum, Ohio.																		
Antrim	Mary Arneal	Antrim, Ohio.	20						2				4	26	1		20	5
Bloomfield	Mrs. Mattie Guthrie	Sago "	40	18	2	10				7				77	2	25	58	8
Cambridge	Mrs. Mary Hood	Cambridge "	50		8			10	448	4				530	1	35	30	12
Barlow	Mrs. Nettie McFarland	Vincent "															10	
Clearfork	Mrs. E. M. P. Neel	Milnersville "	18	6	10		11		144				10	199			18	4
1st Church, New Concord	Mrs. W. A. Moore	New Concord "	55							30				85	1	40	31	
2d Church, New Concord	Miss Jose Martin	New Concord "	5	8						7				20	3	85	25	8
Cheerful Workers	May Hammond	New Concord "											3	3	1	12		
East Union	Mrs. Margaret McCourt	Claysville "															10	
Fairview	Mrs. Eliza Giffee	Fairview "	38											38			20	8
Londonderry	Mrs. Lizzie B. Logan	Londonderry "	25	6	5									36			11	4
Lebanon	Mrs. Sarah E. Mahaffey	Creighton "	20			48								68	1	5	24	1
Willing Workers	Miss Eva E. Knox	Creighton "		48										48			17	
Morganville	Mrs. Fannie E. McCall	Morganville "	2											2			6	
Norwich	Mrs. R. C. Wyatt	Norwich "	17	20	20	10								67			17	8
Rixville	Miss Lizzie Smith	Rix Mills "			25				27	1				58	1	25	33	8
Zanesville	Mrs. B. M. Sleeth	Chapman St., Zanesville "	17						158					175	1	15	11	5
Thomville	Mrs. Emma Yost	Thomville "				3			3					6			16	6
1st Church, New Concord, Y. L.	Mrs. May Best	New Concord "	10		5									15	1	18	20	
Willing Helpers	Miss Rose D. Patterson	New Concord "		2										2			13	
Washington	Miss Settie Clark	Sutton "															17	
MUSKINGUM PRESB.	Miss M. C. Lytle, Sec.	Sago "	317	108	75	71	11	10	782	49			17	1440	18	260	402	77
New York.																		
1st New York	No Report																*48	
Summit Avenue	No Report																*14	
W. M. S.	Mrs. H. H. Wallace	426 W. 44th St. N. Y.	38											38			17	
"	Mrs. J. H. H. Andrew	500 Madison St., Brooklyn, "	11											11			16	4
"	Mrs. S. E. Patterson	424 Cumberland St. "	21					15	5				20	61			32	15
"	Lillian H. Shaw	251 Broad St., Newark N. J.	17						181					198			25	3
"	A. H. Wood	Pine Bush, Orange Co. N. Y.		10										10	1		20	3
"	Edger Kirby	Ackerman St., Kingston "							10					10				
"	Mrs. C. L. McKelvey	101 E. 123d St. "	26	15					15	23				79			17	2
NEW YORK PRESB.	Mary Alice McCook, Sec.	419 E. 117th St., Harlem "	143	15				15	211	23			20	427	1		189	27
North Platte, Neb.																		
Alliance	Mrs. Albert Gordon	Alliance, Neb.	2	4	2	2		5	68	2				85			22	10
Gordon	Mrs. R. J. Graham	Gordon "															6	4
†Harrisburg	Mrs. Emma P. Ferguson	Loraine, Banner Co. "															5	1
Rushville	Mrs. W. R. Cox	Rushville "		6					21					27			9	6
NORTH PLATTE PRESB.	Mrs. Albert Gordon, Sec.	Alliance "	2	10	2	2		5	89	2				112			42	21

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North Western, Iowa.																			
Boyden Ladies' Aid	Mrs. M. Berry	Boyden, Iowa.						15					15			10	
Neton	Mrs. John Brown	Neton, "												1	15	30	19
Rock Valley	Mrs. A. Thayer	Rock Valley, "	20	20	15			20	54		10		139			20	8
Quinby	No Report																
Sioux City	Mrs. McKirkhan	Sioux City, Iowa.															
NORTH WESTERN, IOWA	Mrs. W. J. McClean, Sec	Rock Valley, Iowa.	20	20	15			20	69		10		154	1	15	60	27
1st Ohio.																	
Cincinnati	Miss Ola Shannon	122 W. 7th St., Cincinnati, Ohio	40	10	10	8	2			3	5	5	5	88			24	10
Dayton	Mrs. Margaret Service	S. Wayne Ave., Dayton, "	5											5			7	3
Fair Haven	Miss Laura W. Hays	Fair Haven, "	49	10	12	5	5			7				88	1	15	38	18
Willing Workers	Mrs. Hattie Gard	Fair Haven, "	5	5							2			12			25	
Hamilton	Mrs. S. Y. Wasson	N. 7th St., Hamilton, "	25	10	10	10	5							60	3	50	28	14
Gleaners	Miss Katie Laurie	Hamilton, "	2			2		1			2			7			15	
Hopewell	Mrs. J. F. Hutchinson	Morning Sun, "	10	4	4									18			22	6
Morning Sun	Mrs. Margaret Sharp	Morning Sun, "	105	55	47	35	7		3	8				260	1	20	45	19
Mission Band	Ora C. McCreary	Morning Sun, "									11			11			40	
Mount Pleasant	Mrs. Jane Harkrider	Blue Bell, "	20	6	6	8								40			18	10
Oxford	Mrs. J. R. Brittain	Oxford, "	16	13						4				33			27	7
Mission Band	Lois Brittain	Oxford, "	3	3					30					36	1	10	11	
Richmond	Mrs. Walter Doan	111 S. 15th St., Richmond, Ind.	30	10					172	11				223	3	48	41	30
Unity	Miss Anna Buck	College Corner, Ohio.	30	20	10					3				63			30	6
Sycamore	Miss Sallie Stewart	16 Mile Island															*6	
Morning Sun Young Women	Miss Anna M. Faris	Morning Sun, Ohio.															17	
1ST OHIO PRESB	Miss Clara J. Brown, Sec	Morning Sun, "	340	146	99	68	19	1	205	36	20	5	5	944	9	143	894	128
Omaha, Neb.																		
Dunbar M. B.	Mrs. L. Proudfit	Dunbar, Neb.	6		6					12				24			10	6
Buds of Promise	Mrs. Lizzie W. Westbrook	Dunbar, "	2	2						2		2		8	2	2	9	
Kearney	Mrs. J. A. Wilson	Kearney, "															15	2
Majors	Mrs. C. C. Kyle	Majors, "	5	5					5	2				17			20	8
Murray	Mrs. Bettie Holmes	Murray, "				99			15					114			16	1
North Bend	Mrs. C. Cusack	North Bend, "		10			10		213					233			12	6
Mission Band	Harry Chalmers	North Bend, "	10		10				25					45			43	
Central Omaha	Mrs. J. H. McCullough	2416 Decatur St., Omaha, "	31	11	10	13	11		22				20	118			36	26
Willing Workers	E. Ethel Williamson	307 N. 25th St., Omaha, "		5				5						10			24	
Park Avenue, Omaha	Mrs. J. A. Henderson	2918 Jackson St., Omaha, "	6	7	5	11	2	15	83					129			16	15
Mission Band	Miss Effie Levoy	2518 Jones St., Omaha, "						15	3	1				19			40	
Young Women's Aid	Miss Nora Dougherty	33½ W. Howard St., Omaha "															*11	
1st Church, Omaha	Mrs. M. M. Gillespie	1609 N. 18th St., Omaha, "	5	5				36	18	10				74	8	30	33	16
Mission Band	Martha Cacson	2711 Shirley St., Omaha, "	7	3	3	2						1		16			50	
South Omaha	Mrs. Hattie J. Ross	829 N. 25th St., S'th Omaha, "			8				36	18				62			15	3
Cheerful Givers	Jennie Taylor	South Omaha, "							10					10			50	
Orchard	Mrs. M. J. George	Orchard, "							43	2				45			15	3
Ewing	Miss Lauretta Buoy	Ewing, Holt Co., "							60					60			21	27
OMAHA PRESB	Mrs. C. C. Kyle, Sec	Mayors, Neb.	72	48	42	125	23	71	533	47		2	21	964	10	32	436	88
Oregon.																		
Albany Y. P. S.	Mrs. Henrietta Brown	Albany, Ore.	5											5			35	
Albany	Mrs. E. F. Lox	Albany, "	10	10	10	10	14	85						139			42	12
Colfax	Belle D. Niblock	Colfax, "															*19	
Halsey	Mrs. Ralston	Halsey, "																
1st Portland	Mrs. David Dalglies.h	308 12th St., Portland, "	50	10	10	12	5	15						102			14	5

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Oregon Continued.																		
2d Portland	Mrs. H. F. Wallace								22					22			9	4
1st Seattle	Mrs. A. Johnston	715 Spring St., Seattle, Ore.															21	3
1st Tacoma	Mrs. A. F. Kirkpatrick	5th Ave. & Q St., Tacoma, "							8					8			15	4
Willamette	Mrs. Addie Beatty	Oakville, "	22	9		14		3	11	1				60	2	20	36	8
OREGON PRESB.	Mrs. G. E. Hawes, Sec.	389 6th St., Portland, "	87	29	20	36	19	108	41	1				336	2	20	191	36
Pawnee, Neb.																		
Benkleman	Mrs. Geo. A. Buchanan	Benkleman, Neb			10				47					57			15	
Burchard	Mrs. S. I. Stewart	Burchard, "							59					59	1	15	18	2
Young Ladies	Miss Tillie Craig	Burchard, "							9					9	1		8	6
Lincoln	Miss Mary McCully	Lincoln, "							27					27			10	
Liberty	Mrs. E. M. Duncan	Liberty, "	11	8	7	7								33			18	11
Minden	Mrs. M. M. Kirkpatrick	Minden, "	20	20	18				27					80			26	3
Mission Creek	Mrs. J. S. Colvin	Mission Creek, "	10						27					37			31	5
1st Church, Pawnee	Mrs. A. Law	Pawnee City, "	8		18	10			90	8				134			20	2
Mission Band	Arpha Nesbitt	Pawnee City, "				5			1				5	11	4	6	25	
2d Church, Pawnee	Mrs. Donaldson	Pawnee, "	6	77			4	18						100	1	77	18	4
Mission Creek Mission Circle	No Report																	
Parks	Mrs. C. H. Cubbison	Ives, Neb.			10				40					50	31	100	32	1
Summerfield	Mrs. John Miller	Summerfield, Kan.	18	14	15					20				67	1	8	11	18
Superior	Mrs. T. M. Mackay	Superior, Neb	50								8			58			17	9
Wilsonville	No Report																	
Summerfield Mission Band	No Report																	
PAWNEE PRESB.	Miss Ola McConnell, Sec.		123	119	73	22	4	18	327	28	8		5	722	37	206	249	61
Philadelphia.																		
1st Church			15	22	17					2				56			50	
2d Church	Mrs. M. H. S. Jackson	136 N. 18th St., Phil'a, Pa.	65	20		15		19	15	4				138	3	125	98	44
3d Church	Mrs. S. G. Fitzgerald	2010 N. 8th St., Phil'a, "	35					42		2				79	1	60	46	6
5th Church	Mrs. James N. Knipe	2517 Meredith St., Phil'a, "						55	48	3				106	1	50	52	6
North Church	Mrs. J. Beveridge Lee	1516 Centennial Ave., Phil'a, "	55					10		6				71	3	98	46	15
7th Church	Mrs. H. Logan	Thomas St., Frankf't, Phil'a, "	50							2				52			29	
8th Church	Mrs. W. W. Barr	1425 Christian St., Phil'a, "	75	25				108	92	2				297			50	17
9th Church	Mrs. S. C. Parker	2249 N. 2nd St., Phil'a, "	35						94					129			21	2
1st Church, Baltimore	Mrs. T. E. Carson	1812 McCulloh St., Baltimore.	30							5				35			40	18
Ladies' Mite Society	Miss Eliza Cooper	Monmouth, Ill.		34										34			10	
Y. L. H. M. S.	Miss Grace Ripple	802 W. Lombard St., Baltimore.		100										100			17	
Oxford	Mrs. Annie Cowan	Ashford, Chester Co., Pa							240	1				241			20	
Octorara L. & C. M. S.	Mrs. Jane C. McClure	Bart, Lancaster Co., "															15	
West Church	Miss Mary McKnight	3915 Pine St., Phil'a, Pa.							225				10	235			27	1
PHILADELPHIA PRESB.	Mrs. W. S. Stewart, Sec.		360	201	17	15		229	714	27			10	1573	8	333	516	109

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Pittsburg, Kan.																			
Chetoka	Mrs. L. W. Williamson	Chetopa	Kan.	25						46					71			38	2
Pittsburg	Mrs. J. H. Gibson	Pittsburg	"							21					21			18	
PITTSBURG PRESB	Mrs. E. E. Kerr, Sec	Americus	"	25						67					92			56	2
Princeton, Ind.																			
Princeton	Mrs. Ada Warnock	Princeton	Ind.	70	65	20	10	7	11	38	34				254	2	37	27	27
Portland	Mrs. Catherine Spencer	Portland Mills	"	1		2									3			7	3
Scotland	Mrs. Martha Mortland	Scotland	"	3	3	3			3	2	6	2		3	25			12	8
Y. P. S	Miss Mattie Asdell	Scotland	"							4					4			23	
West Bethel	Miss Mary Smith	Duncanville	Ill.	8	4	9		5			9				35				2
Bloomington	Mrs. J. H. Louden	Bloomington	Ind.	18	21	2									41	1	16	31	27
Morea	Mrs. C. M. Ralston	Morea	Ill.	9	12	9				7	2				39	1	12	25	9
Willing Workers	Lutie McClerken	Princeton	Ind.									5			5			*24	
Y. P. M S	Samuel Munford																	*12	
West Union	Mrs. M. J. Boyd	Brownsville, White Co.	Ind.																
Bloomington Young Ladies	Mrs. Della Allen	Bloomington, Monroe Co.	"															*27	
Princeton Y. P. B	Miss Ella Kern	Princeton, Gibson Co.	"															*20	
PRINCETON PRESB	Mrs. J. M. Stormont, Sec			109	105	45	10	12	14	51	51	7		3	407	4	65	228	76
Rock Island, Ill.																			
Aledo	Mrs. Zellah B. Story	Aledo	Ill.	10	11	10	11				8				50	1	40	28	13
Mission Band	Miss Maud Rankin	Aledo	"															14	
Cedar Creek	Mrs. Annie A. Donaldson	Little York	"	22	21						1				44			15	6
Davenport	Mrs. W. E. Shaw	215 E. 12th st., Davenport	Iowa.	7	6	8	7				3				31			10	11
Little York	Miss Annetta McCoy	Little York	Ill.			7			4						31	1	10	19	5
North Henderson	Mrs. Emma A. Davidson	Norwood, Mercer Co.	"	9	5	10	5			51	1				81			16	7
Rock Island	Mrs. H. C. Marshall	107 14th st., Rock Island	"	18	15	16	14	3			2			10	78			11	9
Sunbeam	Mrs. H. T. Ferguson	Sunbeam	"	10	10										20			28	11
Mission Band	Mrs. Cora Mains	Sunbeam	"				12								12			25	
Viola	Mrs. Nancy A. Mitchell	Viola, Mercer Co.	"	22						23					45			15	3
Willing Workers	Mrs. C. L. Calhoun	Viola, Mercer Co.	"			7									7			9	
ROCK ISLAND PRESB	Miss M. W. Davidson Sec	428 2nd St., Rock Island	"	98	68	78	49	3	4	74	15			10	399	2	50	190	65
San Francisco, Cal.																			
1st Church	Mrs. M. M. Gibson	803 Guerrero St., San Fran.	Cal.	35	10	10	10	19	130						214			40	
2d Church	Miss Helen Currie	1145½ Valentius St., San Fran.		5	5	5		10	6	36	12				79			19	7
San Jose	Mrs. W. W. Logan	484 N. 2nd St., San Jose	Cal.															*12	
Castroville	Mrs. J. F. Jamison	Castroville	"	5	5	5	4		1	2	3				25			21	5
Mission Band	Miss Amy Clark	Castroville	"															*11	
Fowler	Mrs. J. W. Lynn	Fowler, Fresno Co.	"	5	5	5	5		162						182			25	7
Salinas	Mrs. W. Clark	Salinas	"	12		7									19			25	2
Easton	Mrs. E. M. Still	Easton Fresno Co.	"	19	10	6				12					47			16	6
SAN FRANCISCO PRESB	Miss Margaret Campbell, Sec.	1425 Wash. St., San Francisco.		81	35	38	19	29	299	50	15				566			169	27
Sialkot, India.																			
Sialkot	Khair-un-Nista Shahbas	Sialkot	India.	5		5			1						11			13	2
Gurdaspur	Mrs. Caldwell	Gurdaspur	"	17											17			15	3
Gujranwala	Lydia Solomon	Guyranwala	"								5				5			19	3
Jhelum	Mrs. S. E. Johnson, M. D.	Jhelum	"	16											16			19	3
Zafarwal	Mrs. J. S. Barr	Zafarwal, Sialkot Dist.	"	5	1										6			13	3
SIALKOT PRESB	Mary J. Campbell, Sec	Zafarwal	"	43	1	5			1		5				55			79	14

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Sidney, Ohio.																		
Belle Centre	Mrs. W. S. Phillips	Belle Centre, Ohio.	5	5	5	5		8	330			2		360			32	7
Miss. Band, "Little Builders."	Florence Glasgow	Belle Centre, "							8					8			24	
Bellefontaine	Mrs. Ella H. Hamilton	Bellefontaine, "	51	25		5								81			34	
Y. P. Auxilliary	Miss Effie McMillen	Bellefontaine, "	20	14	3									27				2
California, Mich	Mattie Averill	California, Mich.	10	19							5			34			13	3
Findlay	Mrs. J. P. Sharp	Cor. S'nd'sky & W'st Sts., Findley							40					40			14	5
Huntsville	Mrs. Alice C. Curry	Huntsville, Ohio.	56	57	30	27	5		8	7				190	1	15	15	12
Kenton	Mrs. M. M. Moore	Kenton, "							90					90			25	5
Northwood	Mrs. A. T. Mansfield	New Richland, "	19		17	9			2	5				55	1	15	20	4
Mission Band	Ethel McKirahan	Northwood, "	5	5										10	1	2		
Piqua	Mrs. Ella Kerr	Piqua, "			14			7	14					35	2	21	80	14
Scotch Ridge	Mrs. C. L. Wight	Scotch Ridge, "		10	10	10			21					5	2	38	22	11
Sidney	Mrs. M. P. Robb	914 Walnut St., Sidney, "							84					84			18	1
Silver Creek	Mrs. Mary Douglass	Silver Creek, "	8	8					97	1				114			15	
Sugar Run	Mrs. Sophia McCrory	New California, "	44	18	15	10	5			8				100	1	43	27	27
Young People's Society	Miss Diad Rheulen	New California, "	8	8						4				20	1	1		3
Mission Band	Mrs. A. T. Comstock	New California, "	5	5										10			32	
West Leipsic	Mrs. J. Henry	West Liepsic, "							11					11			24	
Unionville	Miss Lulu Robinson	Unionville Centre, "	6									6		12			20	6
SIDNEY PRESB.	Mrs. Alice C. Curry, Sec.	Huntsville, Ohio.	237	164	94	66	10	15	705	25	5	8		1329	9	130	373	100
Stamford, Canada.																		
Galt	Mrs. A. G. King	Galt, Ontario, Can.	14	28	14	14			8					78			44	23
Stamford Willing Workers	Miss Fannie Morrison	Stamford, Ontario, "		10					75					85			32	1
STAMFORD PRESB.	Miss A. Ballinggal, Sec.	Galt, Ontario, "	14	38	14	14			83					163			76	24
Steubenville, Ohio.																		
Yellow Creek	Mrs. M. M. Leeper	Pravo, Jefferson Co., Ohio.	15					22	147					184			48	10
Wellsville	Mrs. Hawley	Wellsville, "	50	15	20	10	10			6			10	121	1	25	28	5
Scroggsfield	Mrs. J. S. Robbins	Wattsville, "	111											111			36	8
Toronto	Mrs. Laura Aber	Toronto, Jefferson Co., "	10											10	2	40	20	5
Salineville	Mrs. S. P. Barrackman	Salineville, "	20					13	26					59			26	7
Bloomfield	Amanda Hervey	Bloomingdale, "	15											15			12	1
Scio and Jefferson	Mrs. Jennie McL. Coster	Scio, Harrison Co., "							87					87			22	11
East End, East Liverpool	Mrs. Jennie Ralston	E. E. East Liverpool, "	10	57						20				87			25	12
Mechanicstown	Mrs. J. S. McMunn	Mechanicstown, "	86							2				88			29	9
Richmond	Mrs. J. M. Duncan	Richmond, "							31					31	1	30	28	6
East Liverpool	Mrs. D. A. Mackintosh	East Liverpool, "	58	28				6		3				95	1	100	38	12
Moor's Salt Work	Mrs. M. M. Leeper	Moors Salt Works, "															*35	
Steubenville	Mrs. James Gregg	Steubenville, "	126							3				129	4	15	40	19
Carrolton	Mrs. Henry McCausland	Carrollton, "															*10	
Glade Run	No Report																	
Steubenville Willing Workers	Jennie MacDowell	Steubenville, Ohio.													1	10	26	
East Liverpool Willing Workers		East Liverpool, "																

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Steubenville, Ohio, Continued																			
Salive Plant Mission Band	Miss Ella French	E. E. East Liverpool, Ohio.															*12		
Olineville Mission Band		Salineville "																	
STEUBENVILLE PRESB.	Miss Ella McMaster, Sec.	Winterville "	501	100	20	10	10	41	291	34			10	1017	10	220	464	85	
Tennessee.																			
Hopewell	Mrs. Genella Strang	Lincoln, Lincoln Co. Tenn.	2	2										4			10	1	
Union	Mrs. Mary E. Sloan	Molino, Lincoln Co. "	3	2		1								6			15		
TENNESSEE PRESB.			5	4		1								10			25	1	
Vermont.																			
Ryegate	Lydia R. Harris	Ryegate Vt.	55											55			14	6	
VERMONT PRESB.	Miss Corny Gibson, Sec		55											55			14	6	
Westmoreland, Pa.																			
Beulah	No Report																		
Bethel Allegheny Co.	Miss Sadie Doak	Unity Station Pa.	7	7										14			10	1	
Bethel	Miss Kizzie Keister	Circleville "	26	6	10			5	2	4				53	1	5	20	11	
Helping Hands	Maggie Robbins	Circleville "									4			4			8		
Bethesda	Mrs. I. J. Fergus	Elizabeth "	10	20			10							40	1	10	14	4	
Sarah Dale's Lansing	Miss Jennie Henderson	Elizabeth "	25											25			7		
Dorcas Missionary	Mrs. Sarah W. Curry	Elizabeth "	5					7	41					53			16	7	
Pueblo Mission Band	Thomas McConnell	Elizabeth "																	
Braddock	Mrs. E. J. McPherson	Swissvale "	26		13	35				1				75	3		27	29	
Gleaners	Mrs. W. S. Stewart	Braddock "																	
Buena Vista	Mrs. J. C. Kistler	Buena Vista "	10	7	4	3	4		165	1	5		5	214			23	5	
Boston	No Report																20		
Connellsville	Mrs. Jno. Sloan	New Haven Pa.	10		5					1				16			10	10	
Mission Band	Clara Sloan	New Haven "		5										5			8		
Fairfield and Ligonier	Mrs. Frank Brown	Fort Palmer "	52		5				2				5	64			28	5	
Greensburg	Mrs. H. D. Royd	Greensburg "	25			5				1				31			27	7	
Pollock Mission Band	Miss Pollock	Greensburg "																	
Irwin	Mrs. J. P. Taylor	Irwin "	23	30	10	30	5			1				99			24	9	
Willing Workers	No Report																		
Latrobe	No Report																		
Laurel Hill	Mrs. Mary Dunn	Flatwoods Pa.	57	17						1				75	1	14	22	12	
Leechburgh	Mrs M. E. Thomas	Leechburg "	10	10			2							22			*31	6	
Logans Ferry	No Report																*9	*9	
Mission Band	No Report																*5		
McKeesport	Mrs. J. B. Edie	McKeesport Pa.	35	8	5	5	5		46	3			15	122			50	8	
Aftermath	Miss Blanch Shaw	McKeesport "							13					13			12		
Mission Band	Nettie Shaw	McKeesport "	1	1	1	1								4			10		
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Margaret Fulton	Mt. Pleasant "	32	13						1				46			19	10	
Murraysville	No Report																		
Lansing Band	No Report																		
Parnassus Pastors' Aid	Miss Lulu Wills	Parnassus Pa.			10									10					
Pueksty	No Report																		
Scottdale	Mrs. Jos. Copeland	Scottdale Pa.	5										6	11			14	5	
Mission Band	Walter Camlin	Scottdale "			3									3			20		
Stewart Station	Miss Elizabeth Ekin	Stewart Station "	50	10	8					4	3		5	77			17	12	
Mission Band	Miss Ella Barber	Stewart Station "	5											5			8		
Turtle Creek	No Report																*30		
Union	Mrs. J. L. Thorne	Sardis Pa.	15	5	9	5				1				35			34	10	

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			Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Freedmen's Missions.	Church Extension Parsonage.	Ministerial Relief.	District Work.	Congregat'l Work.	Contingent Fund.	Women's Association Work. Orphans' Home.	Memor'l Hospital.	Aged People's Home.	Total.	No. of Boxes.	Estimated Value of Boxes.	No. of Members.	Women's Miss. Mag.
Westmoreland, Pa. Continued																		
Unity	Mrs. K. McDowell	New Texas, Pa.	23	22						1				46			30	10
Young Ladies	No Report																	
West Newton	Mrs. J. S. Garvin	West Newton, Pa.	40							1				41	1	45	13	8
Young Ladies	Mrs. J. S. Garvin	West Newton, "		3										3			15	
Parnassus	Mrs. Maggie Brisbin	Parnassus, "	7	7					11	15				40	2	50	20	12
Westmoreland Presb.	Miss Lizzie M. Patterson, Sec.		499	171	73	78	24	12	278	35	12		36	1218	9	124	570	175
Wheeling, W. Va.																		
Bellaire																	*25	
Brownsville	Miss Lizzie I. Dines	Wanamaker, Monroe Co., Ohio.	8	8	8	3			6					33			8	3
Cadiz	Mrs. B. G. Ramsay	Cadiz, "	25	10										35			25	7
Harrisville	Miss Mary Henderson	Harrisville, "	12	12										24			33	3
High Ridge	No Report																*21	
Mission Band	No Report																*24	
Martin's Ferry	Miss Ellen Gray	Martin's Ferry, Ohio.	11	5	5	10	2							33	1	25	14	11
Willing Workers	Cora B. Sloan	Martin's Ferry, "	6					3						9	1	2	20	
New Athens Young Women	Miss Minnie Wilson	New Athens, "	31	10	9	5					5		5	64			10	3
Roney's Point	Miss Mary Gitson	Valley Grove, W. Va.	8	8	7									23			24	13
St. Clairsville	Mrs. Z. A. Ralph	St. Clairsville, Ohio.	107	100	10					4				221	3	75	78	20
Young People	Miss Nina Morgan	St. Clairsville, "	25											25	1		40	
Uniontown	Mrs. Maggie Thompson	Bannock, "	17							2				19	1	16	15	10
Pearl Gatherers	Maggie Coup	Uniontown, "		10										10	1	5	12	5
West Alexander	Miss Mattie A. Pattison	West Alexander, Wash. Co. "	43											43	1		43	
Wheeling	Mrs. S. H. Kasley	Wheeling, W. Va.	80	75	10	20	10		2	3				200	2	75	30	26
Young Ladies	Miss Blanch Hare	Wheeling, "		40										40			30	6
Mission Bank	No Report																*20	
McMahon's Creek	Mrs. William Fulton	Whitney, Ohio.	5	24		4								33			19	
New Athens	Miss Martha Love	New Athens, "	12	15	19				7				6	59	2		21	2
Wheeling Presb.	Bessie McFarland, Sec.	New Athens, "	389	317	68	42	12	3	15	9	5		11	871	13	198	555	109
Wisconsin.																		
Rock Prairie	Mrs. S. G. Huey	Rock Prairie, Rock Co., Wis.	34	9	9	9								61			31	16
Busy Bees	Margaret Towngblause	Zanesville, Rock Co., "			7						7			14				
Wisconsin Home Mission	Mrs. J. A. McKenzie	Vernon, "															24	
Wisconsin Presb.	Mrs. Geo. Cary, Sec.	Rock Co., "	34	9	16	9					7			75			55	16
Xenia, Ohio.																		
1st Columbus	Mrs. R. B. Patton	Columbus, Ohio	15	15	5	13	2			3				53			28	7
Fall Creek	Mrs. Sarah Patton	Samantha, Highland Co., "		8										8	1	7	11	5
Greenfield	Mrs. Martha Finch	Greenfield, "	5				4		1	1				11	1	8	13	5
Reynoldsburg	Mrs Sarah Boyd	Reynoldsburg, "	5		5	5			4	3				22	1	10	13	12
Jamestown	Mrs. Laura Paul	Jamestown, "	66			1				3				70	1	12	27	18

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Xenia, Ohio, Continued.

Cedarville	Mrs. Dora Kerr	Cedarville	"	15	10	14	7	10			5			5	66	2	15	31	15
Clifton	Miss Mary Turner	Clifton	"	20	5	5	7	3			2				42				2
Springfield	Miss Sarah Anderson	Springfield	"	11		55				60					96	1	25	43	14
1st Xenia	Mrs. R. S. Finley	Xenia	"	60	25	30	34			3					152			48	12
2d Xenia	Mrs. J. G. Carson	Xenia	"	40	30	10		17			3				100	1	45	22	35
3d Xenia	Mrs. Anna Hibben	Xenia	"	80		18	15	15		90	5				173			50	26
Sugar Creek	Mrs. Alex. McConnell	Sugar Creek, Dean P. O.	"	36	27	5		10		46	3	39			160			16	17
1st Xenia Alledena Y. P. S.	Miss Lizzie Stinson	Xenia	"	5	45										50			31	
2d Xenia Y. P. M. S.	Miss Imogene McConnell	Xenia	"	10	18	15					2				37			17	
3d Xenia Willing Workers	Miss Mary Morehead	Xenia	"															21	
Jamestown Willing Workers	Miss Mattie Williams	Jamestown	"							3					3			23	
Sugar Creek Y. P. M. S.	Miss Anna Prugh	Dean P. O.	"	11						43					54			18	
Clifton Y. P. M. S.	Miss Anna McCowan	Clifton	"	15		6		3			1				25			19	
Helping Hand																		*7	
Young Christian Workers	Miss Mary M. Campbell																	*15	
XENIA PRESB.	Mrs. J. C. Brown, Sec.	Jamestown	Ohio.	3381	175	138	82	64		250	31	39		5	1122	8	122	459	168

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			Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Freedmen's Missions.	Church Extension Parsonage.	Ministerial Relief.	District Work.	Congregat'l Work.	Contingent Fund.	Women's Association Work. Orphans' Home.	Memor'l Hospital.	Aged People's Home.	Total.	No. of Boxes.	Estimated Value of Boxes.	No. of Members.	Women's Miss. Mag.
Albany	Congregational		28						20					48	1	50	34	
Allegheny	Mrs. G. W. MacDonald	43 Nixon St., Allegheny...Pa	2136	1386	437	299	62	304	995	249	72	41	211	6192	58	1224	1893	384
Argyle	Mrs. Jean W. Turnbull	Argyle...N. Y.	424	104	69		25	57	12	6				813	10	228	621	83
Arkansas City	Mrs. Virginia Hamilton	Kansas	116	32	78	58	100	59	301	5			7	756			282	54
Beaver Valley	Miss Mary Harper	Beaver Valley	250	137	113	74	21		332	25	12	1	28	993	25	352	606	127
Big Spring	Mrs. George M. Reed	Big Spring	123	82	60	22							35	322	4	58	212	50
Boston	Mrs. G. M. Cruickshank	175 South St., Providence...R. I.	20						185					205	1		103	25
Brookville	Mrs. F. K. Fitch	Stanton P. O., Jefferson Co...Pa.	144	46	19	39	10		13	11				284	1	15	220	35
Butler	Mrs. I. J. M. Gilfillan	North Liberty, Mercer Co... "	327	142	119				212	7			20	827	7	109	414	114
Caledonia	Mrs. L. W. Byard	Mumford...N. Y.	110	46	33	34		27	32	12				293	7	234	500	70
Cedar Rapids	Mrs. J. G. Bull	Cedar Rapids...Iowa.	165	116	146	55	10	33	107	55			5	692	10	156	181	67
Chartiers	Mrs. W. G. Maxwell	Buffalo...Pa.	808	425	113	65	20	253	63	45	12		55	1859	28	571	876	161
Chicago	Rev. Mrs. Campbell	Hanover...Ill.	60	35	59	44	3	15	15	8				237	5	44	163	88
Chillicothe	Mrs. T. J. Meloy	Chillicothe	48	29	8	10		2	271	3				371	2	70	75	34
Cleveland	Mrs. Kittie L. Rothwell	Cleveland	36	18	90	15	5	9	724	30				927	6	149	134	33
College Springs	Mrs. W. S. Moffat	Iowa	493	114	101	66	25	52	412	19	11	4	205	1502	32	142	496	97
Colorado	Mrs. J. A. Ferguson	Loveland...Col.	83	52	58	55	556		75		10			899	1	17	216	68
Concordia	Congregational	Concordia	20	5	10					7		5		47			71	20
Conemaugh	Mrs. W. H. McMasters	Blairsville...Pa.	413	50	23	26		4	64	29	19		25	653	16	126	378	95
Delaware	Mrs. N. E. Wade	Kortwright Centre...N. Y.	71	168	68	33		1	497	32		2		872	11	329	198	40
Des Moines	Mrs. I. F. Stewart	1519 Centre St., Des Moines...Ia.	368	61	62	40		11	369	69		1	6	987	8	146	349	50
Detroit	Congregational	Detroit	9	25	5				17				10	66	1	25	49	4
Egypt	Miss Thompson	Egypt	2	193	5									200			305	
Frankfort	Mrs. I. A. Moore	Shippingport	110	73	45		2	1	148	5	7		3	394	4	43	232	24
Garnett	Mrs. Jessie Craig	Welda...Kan.	171	89	59	32	22	13	204	12	12			614	8	61	386	44
Illinois Southern	Miss Hannah E. Davis	St. Louis...Mo.	524	112	66	25	7	21	260	19	16			1050	3	15	489	105
Illinois Central	Mrs. L. Fairlee	Piper City...Ill.	77	60	39	121	5	11	198	18	1		15	545	5	52	248	33
Indiana	Mrs. Mila Meek	Spring Mills...Ind.	217	76	46	19	8	7	270	31	2			676	7	102	198	94
Indiana Northern	Congregational	Indiana Northern	1	1	1	1	1							5			42	1
Iowa Northwestern	Congregational	Iowa, Northwestern	20	20	15			15	69		10			154	1	15	60	27
Kansas City	Mrs. J. R. Thompson	Topeka...Kan.	146	55	8	59		28	253	8				557	2	30	178	24
Keokuk	Mrs. F. A. McDonald	Washington...Iowa.	274	53	122			64	369	12			3	897	10	154	489	68
Lake	Miss L. C. Donnan	Cochranton...Pa.	135	159	80	32		15	121	68	2	2	12	626	15	230	455	110
LeClaire	Mrs. C. C. Potter	Le Claire...Iowa.	115	68	33	8	4	30	208	2				468	2	18	209	47
Los Angeles	Mrs. H. W. Crabbe	18½ Hill st., Los Angeles...Cal.	21	27	77	20	4	24						173			128	26
Mansfield	Mrs. Ruch	Wooster...Ohio.	255	36	63	26				27			20	427	8	90	281	42
Mercer	Mrs. R. G. McVey	New Wilmington...Pa.	437	287	153	58	20	32	238	14	57		41	1382	9	291	263	80
Monmouth	Mrs. T. G. Morrow	Monmouth...Ill.	595	229	99	29	2	25	277	15				1408	9	95	588	77
Monongahela	Mrs. George Sands	Bedford Ave., Pittsburgh...Pa.	1244	904	816	818	133	406	1523	174	237	50	1366	7674	32	618	2011	27
Muskingum	Mrs. D. M. Sleeth	Zanesville...Ohio.	317	108	75	71	11	10	782	49			17	1440	13	260	402	138
New York	Mary Alice McCook	417 E. 117th St., Harlem...N. Y.	143	15				15	211	23			20	427	1		189	683
North Platte	Mrs. R. W. Cox	Rushville...Neb.	4	20	4	4		10	178	4				224			84	42

Ohio, first	Mrs. M. Belle Elliott	Morning Sun, Ohio.	340	146	99	68	19	1	205	36	20	5	5	944	9	143	394	123
Omaha	Mrs. Hattie J. Ross	South Omaha	72	48	42	125	23	71	473	47		2	21	924	10	82	413	84
Oregon	Mrs. A. F. Kirkpatrick	6th ave., & 2nd st., Tacoma, Wash.	87	29	20	36	19	103	41	1				336	2	20	191	36
Pawnee			123	119	73	22	4	13	327	28	8		5	722	37	206	249	61
Philadelphia	Mrs. James Beveridge Lee	1526 Centennial ave., Phil'a, Pa.	360	201	17	15		229	714	27			10	1578	8	333	516	109
Princeton	Mrs. M. A. Ingles	Princeton, Ind.	109	105	45	10	12	14	51	51	7		3	407	4	65	228	76
Pittsburg, Cong.	Mrs. Rev. W. H. Gibson	Pittsburg, Kan.	25						67					92			56	2
Rock Island	Mrs. H. T. Ferguson	Sunbeam, Ill	98	68	78	49	3	4	74	15				399	2	50	190	65
San Francisco	Mrs. J. K. Jamieson	San Francisco, Cal.	81	35	38	19	29	299	50	15			10	564			169	27
Sialkot			43	1	5			1		5				55			79	14
Sidney	Mrs. J. P. Robb	Sidney	237	164	94	66	10	15	705	25	5	8		1329	9	130	373	100
Stamford	Mrs. A. G. King	Galt, Ont.	14	38	14	14			83					163			76	24
Steubenville	Mrs. M. M. Smith	Steubenville, Ohio.	501	100	20	10	10	41	291	34			10	1017	10	2.0	464	85
Tennessee	Congregational	Mrs. G. Strang, Lincoln, Tenn.	5	4		1								10			25	1
Vermont	Congregational	Miss Corny Gibson	55											55			14	6
Westmoreland	Mrs. I. H. Gibson	Westmoreland Co., Pa.	499	171	78	78	24	12	278	35	12		36	1218	9	124	570	175
Wheeling	Miss Esther M. Patton	Harrisville, Ohio.	389	317	68	42	12	3	15	9	5		11	871	13	198	555	109
Wisconsin	Mrs. George Carey	Rock Co., Wis.	34	9	16	9					7			75			55	16
Xenia	Mrs. Dr. Moorehead	Xenia, Ohio.	338	175	138	82	64		250	31	39		5	1122	8	122	459	16
		Grand Total	$14470	$ 7387	$ 4317	$ 2904	$ 1295	$ 365	$18761	$1589	$ 583	$ 121	$ 2220	$50904	484	$ 7756	$20444	4520

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	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	
Presbyteries Represented	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	56	57	58	58	61	.....
Presbyterial Associations	16	27	25	32	41	43	45	46	49	51	52	.....
Congregational Societies	335	345	399	469	552	675	737	764	852	888	845	.....
Members Reported	10598	11007	12071	13585	15504	17529	18687	18819	19628	20757	20444	.....
Contributions.												
Foreign Missions	7546	8365	10177	10763	13803	15619	16704	14927	14434	14875	14470	.....
Home Missions	4304	4227	4924	5650	5885	5863	6515	6559	7698	7669	7887	.....
Freedmen's Missions	2082	2108	2788	6276	7819	3215	2960	4350	4997	4119	4317	.....
Church Extension	906	860	1096	2121	1188	2108	2504	2749	3243	4513	2904	.....
Ministerial Relief	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	442	884	772	601	667	1295	.....
District Work	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	7083	2365	.....
Congregational Work	.....	.....	.....	9819	12438	12970	13229	.....	.....	.....	13761	.....
Contingent Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4032	1589	.....
Women's Association Work.												
Orphan's Home	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87	1273	1089	1398	.....	583	.....
Memorial Hospital	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	121	.....
Aged People's Home	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2220	.....
Total Other Objects	10839	12528	10782	4120	5812	46379	5416	8744	10087	.....	.....	.....
Total	$25871	$28082	$29767	$38749	$46395	$44467	$49485	$39260	$42428	$45726	$50904	.....
Number of Boxes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1319	.....	401	484	.....
Estimated Value of Boxes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6310	4945	6099	.....	6917	7756	.....
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